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**Keith's icon remanded for child porn**

**GUILTY** Best known as the outspoken Scotsman who chastised a "spilly-talker" in a series of commercials for the Alexander Keith's ale in 2005, Robert Smith, 43, was remanded in custody yesterday after pleading guilty in May to charges of possessing and distributing child pornography online.

"I failed as a father to my children, and a husband to my wife. By viewing what I viewed and doing nothing to stop it, I failed as a human being," the former actor said in court yesterday.

In September 2005, Toronto police observed him downloading images and videos of children being sexually exploited. The following February, officers found about 1,100 child-porn files on two computers and 14 CDs while searching his Toronto home. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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**Midway State hits the road**

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**Medal misses due to cash?**



Firefighters battle a blaze at a rope factory in Prospect Bay yesterday. The fire at Maritime Cordage was spotted around 5:45 in the morning. Police have not yet released a cause for the blaze but said they are looking at it as suspicious.

**Early fire engulfs rope biz**

Firefighters injured in blaze

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**Firefighters had a narrow escape yesterday when a suspicious fire ripped through a rope-making business in Prospect Bay.**

Up to 40 firefighters battled the massive dawn blaze at Maritime Cordage.

Two of them had a near miss when a wall collapsed. The firefighters escaped with mild injuries. The wood-and-steel building was destroyed and fire inspectors are combing the site for clues as to the cause.

RCMP Sgt. Mark Gallagher said the building's security alarm went off at 5:45 a.m. An employee arrived to find the structure on fire. RCMP and fire services soon followed.

"We're looking at it as being suspicious," he said.

Dave Meldrum, spokesman for Halifax Regional Fire Service, said crews encountered heavy fire and smoke when they responded to the call.

"A couple of our firefighters were on the outside of the building when we had a

partial wall collapse," Meldrum said as black smoke billowed from the building behind him.

"They did get out of the way," he said, adding they are trained to deal with this type of situation.

Julia Creaser lives two houses from the fire at 31 Pinedale Dr. She woke to the sound of fire engines. She ignored them at first, but "then I heard a boom."

She went outside to find the streets full of worried residents.

"The smoke was a good couple of hundred feet high," she added.

A man who identified himself as the owner of the business, which has been in operation since 1996, watched the building burn.

"A lot of people are very upset," he said. "We have a good business."

Carson Moore is listed as the president of Maritime Cordage. The business employs 12 people, none of whom were in the building at the time of the blaze.

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**Federal Grits edge Tories in latest poll**

**LEADING** Federal Liberals have maintained a one-point lead in popular opinion over the governing Conservatives, according

to the latest Harris-Decima poll.

The findings contradict a survey released earlier this month by a rival company,

Ipsos Reid, which found the Conservatives four percentage points ahead.

The Harris-Decima poll released late Wednesday

by The Canadian Press put the Liberals at 33 per cent and the Conservatives at 32 per cent.

REUTERS

**By the numbers**

- Harris-Decima had Grits at 33 per cent and Tories at 32 per cent a month ago.
- NDP and Greens are at 15 and six per cent respectively.

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**Road closures for pipeline installation**

Parts of Bell Road and Trollope Street will be closed from 6:15 this evening until 6 a.m. Monday while Heritage Gas installs a natural gas pipeline providing natural gas to the Halifax Infirmary. **METRO HALIFAX**

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## Local



## And, the carrots are great at ...

For those looking for even more useless websites to suck time out of their lives, now they can log on to BunSpace.com — a social networking site for rabbits and rabbit lovers. Bunny owners can create elaborate personal profiles for their furry friends and share tips and stories with other bunny friends.

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## Family keeps vigil



Susanne Andrews, mother of murder victim Jennifer Horne, displays the angel pin she wears in memory of her daughter. Andrews was in court yesterday for a hearing in the case of Ashley Haley and Desmond Maguire, the couple accused of killing Horne.

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**Susanne Andrews wears a small angel pin on her lapel in memory of her murdered daughter. Touching it, tears spring to her eyes.**

It's been just seven months since Jennifer Horne, 20, was found dead in a Dartmouth apartment on New Year's Eve. Andrews, her ex-husband, Kevin Horne, and about 20 family and friends came to court yesterday to see the couple accused of killing Jennifer, and to speak on Jennifer's behalf.

"She deserved the support," Andrews said quietly, unable to say much more.

Wearing white shirts and somber faces, the victim's family stared at Desmond Maguire and Ashley Haley, both charged with first-degree murder. Haley, 20, who gave birth to her second child with Maguire in jail last spring, hasn't yet found a lawyer. Maguire's defence lawyer, Anne Calder, asked for a psychiatric assessment to determine whether the 37-year-old is fit to stand trial — or could be found not criminally responsible.

The two will be back in court Sept. 16, when

**"We're doing this on Jennifer's behalf because Jennifer was a kind, loving girl..."**  
Father, Kevin Horne

Maguire's psychiatric assessment should be done.

In police warrants, investigators have said Horne was tortured, a crime they called "relevant to sexual sadism."

Jennifer's father, Kevin Horne, praised the police, and said he has faith in the court system.

"Justice will be served," said the Halifax carpenter.

The family has only recently begun to speak out. Kevin Horne remained composed yesterday, but among the group, emotion was always close to the surface.

"We try to deal with what's happened. It's not easy. There are no words," Horne said. "Right now, a lot of us are still traumatized by this. We're doing this on Jennifer's behalf because Jennifer was a kind, loving girl, and she would never hurt anyone."

He called Maguire's psychiatric assessment "just another ploy."

"He can do whatever he wants. I'll be here. If it takes 10 years, I'll be here 10 years."

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Officers found 31 cases (1,550 cartons) in a car they stopped.

## RCMP seize cigarettes

RCMP arrested two men for transporting contraband cigarettes this week.

On Wednesday, officers stopped a car on Highway 104 in Colchester County at 4 a.m.

They found 31 cases (1,550 cartons) of contraband cigarettes. They seized the smokes and the car — a 1999 Chrysler Intrepid.

The next day, Raphael Junior Melendez, 37, of East Hants, appeared in court and pleaded guilty to

possession of unstamped tobacco products, and possessing cigarettes without paying tax on them. He received eight months for both charges and was fined \$156,136.

He was also given four consecutive months in jail for two charges of breach of recognizance.

A second suspect was released from custody and will appear in Truro Provincial Court on Oct. 15th.

JENNIFER TAPLIN/METRO HALIFAX

## 100 charges laid in Glace Bay drug raid

JON TATTRIE  
for Metro Halifax

Halifax and Cape Breton police teamed up for a \$125,000 drug raid in Glace Bay yesterday.

Officers hit nearly a dozen homes, a business and a community out-

reach centre in the crack-down on street-level drug trafficking. Forty officers were involved in the operation that led to more than 100 charges being laid against 21 people.

One suspect was arrested at the VIP Nails downtown. Another was detained at nearby Harvest

House, a non-profit help centre.

"This action should send a strong message to criminals," said Justice Minister Cecil Clarke. "In this province, we are all working together to put a stop to drugs. If you break the law, you will be caught."

Three private resi-

dences and VIP Nails were targeted under the Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Act. All but one were issued notices to vacate.

The raid came after a four-month undercover investigation in the Glace Bay business district called Operation Bay Sweep.

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What's online today.

**Watch** video from the funeral of the Montreal teen shot and killed by police  
**Read** Marty York's CFL Report for a look at Blue Bombers coach Doug Berry's uncertain future with the club and game picks  
**Check** movie showtimes, trailers and reviews at metronews.ca/movies

## Outfoxing ravaging raccoons

**UNINVITED** There are many ways Nova Scotians can avoid inviting unwanted guests — such as raccoons with distemper or rabies — to dinner says Natural Resources Minister David Morse. The province has a healthy population this year, he said, and many of them are in the city looking for food.

Morse's first rule of thumb is to keep food waste out of reach.

But since everyone has to put out their compost once a week, Morse has a tip for keeping the nuisance animals away in between collection days.

"In our household, we actually put the scraps in the refrigerator until the night before, then we put it out in the bin and it's going to be less fragrant and therefore less attractive for the raccoons," he said.

## News in brief

**SMILE** Cameras on buses are on the way. The city put out a tender to install cameras on 311 of its buses and they want the work to begin in October. The tender closes on Aug. 26.

**CORRECTION** The money to convert Saint Mary's University to natural gas is coming from the Gas Market Development Fund, not Crown share money as was reported yesterday.

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# Historically inaccurate

Online petition wants reference to founder removed

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Whether the founder of Halifax or not, a man who ordered all Mi'kmaq men, women and children scalped for a 10-pound sterling reward in 1749, should not be honoured, says a group petitioning to have Sir Edward Cornwallis' name erased from a downtown park and his statue removed.

"I don't want to rewrite history," said Cheryl LeBlanc-Weldon, a Grade 3 teacher in West-Chezzetcook.

"I don't want him put out of history, I just don't want him to be honoured."

Although she grew up in Nova Scotia, LeBlanc-Weldon was surprised to learn the true history of Cornwallis just a couple of years ago when she asked Halifax Mi'kmaq author Daniel Paul to speak to her class about the Nova Scotia First Nations community.

She was shocked to learn the truth about the founder of Halifax.

Last week she started an



Top: Mi'kmaq author Daniel Paul discusses his book *We Were Not the Savages* yesterday in his Lieblin Park home. Right: On the National Aboriginal Day of Action in Support of First Nations, a group of Mi'kmaq posted a brightly coloured one-cent price tag on the statue of Edward Cornwallis in Cornwallis Park.

online petition to have Cornwallis Park in downtown Halifax renamed and the statue of the English military man taken down.

Paul has been fighting for the same since about 1986, he said.

He was the first to start

educating Nova Scotians about Cornwallis' scalp proclamations.

"I brought them out of the closet and marched them across the stage and a lot of people didn't like it," he said.

When asked about removing the statue and re-



naming the park, Minister of Heritage and Culture Bill Dooks said the concerns are nothing new.

"Things happened in the past that we couldn't control and that we're not very proud of, but we're focused on the future," he said.

Premier Rodney MacDonald said there are many things that have happened in Nova Scotia's history that weren't right and the province will take LeBlanc-Weldon's concerns into consideration.

"I think there is value in reviewing what is being suggested," he said.

# Students can brush up their English

JON TATTIE  
for Metro Halifax

Telling your professor 'u r l8' might get the message across, but it won't get you an A.

A generation raised on text messages and e-mail is in for a linguistic shock when they hit metro's university campuses this fall.

Saint Mary's University is running a writing boot camp to help students avoid the first-year grade drop.

"The average student coming in is not going to give the professor what they want to get a good grade," said Julie-Ann Vincent, head of SMU's Writing Centre. She's in charge of the voluntary two-day course.

While she sees students struggle with basic spelling and grammar, the biggest problem is putting thoughts clearly on paper.

Vincent said it's not that the level of language skills has dropped, but the door

to university has gotten much wider. Forty years ago, only students earning 90s went to university.

"We now have all of the A, B, C and, in some cases, the D students," explained Vincent. "Students are

falling through the cracks and I think programs like this are becoming necessary."

Steve Donoghue

is starting a commerce degree in September. He did well in high school, but said he needed a boost.

"I felt my marks in English were quite below average," the 18-year-old said yesterday. "I've needed help with essay and thesis writing for a while."

Donoghue got some assistance in high school, but says the huge classes at Sir John A. MacDonald meant no one got much attention.



Julie-Ann Vincent

## News in brief

**EMPLOYMENT** In an increasingly competitive job market, applicants are looking for new ways to stand out from the crowd, but a recent survey suggests that submitting a video resume may not be the answer.

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**FRUIT** Mother Nature plays a big part in blueberry season, and growers are feeling the impact this season. "Things are very slow because Mother Nature has not co-operated," said Steve Gibson from Hawkes Blueberries.

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**OPENING** Visitors to the Mayflower Mall will have new a dining option by the end of the year, with a franchise of national restaurant chain East Side Mario's slated to open. The mall is hopeful it will be open by Dec. 5

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**WITHDRAWN** Counterfeiting charges against a Colchester County man were withdrawn in New Glasgow provincial court. Douglas Lloyd MacDonald, 62, of Crowe's Mills, was charged with possessing and using counterfeit \$20 bills.

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## Power rates may surge

**HYDRO** Nova Scotia Power Inc. is asking for a 12 per cent rate hike and their request will be heard by the Utility and Review Board starting Sept. 15.

But Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil issued a statement this week saying the hike shouldn't even be on the table.

He said the utility is already gouging Nova Scotians with exorbitant fees and pulling in a hefty profit.

Premier Rodney MacDonald, however, said yesterday taking away the fall hearing would take away the accountability of the utility.

"To simply cancel that, that's not a solution at all," he said.

McNeil argues the hearing should simply not take place and a \$90-million profit over two quarters should be sufficient for the utility.

## Poverty activist joins race for McDonough's seat

JON TATTIE  
for Metro Halifax

Poverty activist Megan Leslie joined the race to succeed Alexa McDonough as NDP candidate for Halifax yesterday.

She's the second young woman to vie for the riding the former NDP leader is leaving after 10 years.

Alexis MacDonald, a master's student at Dalhousie, announced her



Megan Leslie is running to be the NDP candidate for the federal Halifax riding.

candidacy last week.

Leslie, a Dalhousie Legal Aid lawyer, told supporters at the Bloomfield Centre on Agricola Street she would continue the "progressive" work McDonough has done.

"When Alexa announced that she would not be running in the next federal election, she said that a new generation must now tackle the issues facing us," Leslie said. "I'm a part of that generation. Halifax, I'm ready."

Howard Epstein, MLA for Halifax-Chebucto, backed Leslie. "Megan Leslie is the genuine article, the next generation of New Democrat who can hold this seat," he said.

Leslie has been working on issues of poverty, equality, climate change and social justice in Halifax for seven years.

There is no federal election scheduled yet, but Prime Minister Stephen Harper has challenged the Liberals to bring down his government when the Commons sits this fall.



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# Co-workers salute Sydney stevedore

**Bobby Yhard has been as constant as the ebb and flow of the tide on the Sydney waterfront for the past half-century.**

This week, Yhard was

recognized by co-workers for his dedication as a stevedore on the docks of the Sydney harbour, where he's been securing, loading and unloading ships since

his early teens. "We worked tall ships before they were coming up the harbour in all their glitter and glamour," Yhard said.

In the 1950s the tall

ships, then known as Newfoundland vessels, often sailed into Sydney harbour with their masts high and their sails raised. Yhard and other dockers would load the

vessels with flour which the boats then transported to the outports of Newfoundland.

His fondest memories are of the days prior to the 9/11 terrorists attacks when cruise

ships such as the Veracruz first began visiting the port.

"With the happenings of 9/11, it's taken away the freedom."

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THE CAPE BRETON POST

## Thefts hit crosswalk program

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Stealing crosswalk flags is 'mean-spirited,' said Coun. Andrew Younger.

In a pilot project, flags were put in at crosswalks on Waverly Road for pedestrians to carry across so they're more visible to motorists.

But there's just one problem: the flags are a hot item.

Two days into the project, the flags left in buckets started disappearing at an alarming rate. Sometimes cars stop and the passengers steal the entire bucket of flags.

"The stealing of flags is both illegal and mean spirited," said the East Dartmouth-The Lakes councillor in a statement yesterday.

"We have been able to collect license plate numbers of cars involved in the act and will report anyone or any vehicle seen stealing flags to the police."

He spent \$1,000 on the flags in an attempt to copy successful programs in Japan and the U.S.

If the thefts continue, the trial program could be at risk.

### Investigation

#### Foul play ruled out in boatyard blaze

**FIRE** Derwin Swinemar, the deputy fire marshal investigating the blaze that levelled the Covey Island Boatworks, has ruled out foul play as the fire's cause. The exact cause was still undetermined, but Swinemar said it started in the back of the building. Investigator's will examine the building's electrical system, but Swinemar noted that a boatworks always has a ready supply of flammable and combustible liquids in use. The August 12 fire destroyed the boatyard, as well as the \$3.5 million cruising schooner Maggie B, which the company was refitting following a cruise around the world.

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Two cases of West Nile virus in humans have been reported in Manitoba. A Winnipeg man in his 50s has tested positive for the virus. The second, out-of-province person is believed to have visited western Manitoba and caught the virus there. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

# Canada



## Rowdy flyer charged

A B.C. man has been accused of causing a disturbance on a WestJet flight from Vancouver to Winnipeg on Wednesday. Winnipeg police allege the "agitated, irritable" man yelled at passengers and flight attendants, and caused damage to the plane's overhead panels during the flight. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

## 'We recognize the sacrifice given': Oda

Condolences and praise for aid workers

**OTTAWA** International Co-operation Minister Beverley Oda extended her condolences to the families of the two Canadian humanitarian workers gunned down Wednesday in a Taliban ambush in Afghanistan.

Foreign aid workers regularly "demonstrate the strength of their courage and their compassion" on missions such as the one Jacqueline Kirk and Shirley Case were deployed to in the war-torn country.

Kirk, a 40-year-old Canadian-British citizen from Montreal, and Case, 30, of

**"They demonstrate the strength of their courage and their compassion."**

Beverly Oda

100 Mile House, B.C., were killed when Taliban fighters opened fire on their vehicle south of Kabul. Trinidadian-U.S. citizen Nicole Dial, 32, and 25-year-old driver Mohammad Aimal also died in the attack.

The three women were working for the New York-based International Rescue Committee.

"All members of government recognize the sacrifice that has been given," the minister said.

"There are growing concerns in every country (where aid workers are deployed) about the safety of humanitarian workers," she said. "We are in a conflict zone. There is a war going on."

Oda said many countries are increasingly concerned about the safety of aid workers in warzones, and noted that aid groups are required to share safety and security plans with Canadian officials.

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## Montreal Slain youth mourned



More than 300 people gathered yesterday to pay their last respects to Fredy Villanueva, 18, who was shot and killed by Montreal police last week. Watch the video online at [metronews.ca](http://metronews.ca).

## Russia has 'Soviet-era' mentality: Harper

**OTTAWA** Russia's military intrusion into parts of Georgia reflects a "Soviet-era mentality" that is deeply troubling, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said Thursday as he urged Moscow to withdraw.

"I am deeply troubled by a notion I see developing in Russia ... that Russia somehow has a say or some control over countries outside of its borders. In my judgment this is a very worrisome development," Harper told reporters at an event in Newfoundland.

"It really indicates a Soviet-era mentality and I think it is something that all democratic countries should speak out strongly against and I hope Russia will reconsider its actions," Harper said.

Russian troops have occupied parts of Georgia since repelling a Georgian attack last week on the tiny pro-Russian separatist territory of South Ossetia.

On Thursday, Russian armed forces moved in or around at least three Georgian towns, ignoring demands by Washington and other Western countries that Moscow respect Georgia's territorial integrity.

**REUTERS**

## Tories may trigger election

**OTTAWA** Prime Minister Stephen Harper suggested Thursday he may have to force the dissolution of Parliament and trigger an election.

"I'm going to have to make a judgment ... as to whether or not this Parliament can function productively," Harper said.

He complained about legislation being stalled in the Liberal-dominated Sen-

ate and obstructed in the House of Commons.

"I don't think that's a tenable situation," he added, before repeating a dare to Liberal leader Stéphane Dion, first delivered last month, to bring down the government or else let bills pass.

"The choice is either to let this government govern, or to let the people decide," Harper said. **REUTERS**

## News in brief

**NEW YORK** A U.S. court will rehear Maher Arar's lawsuit in December after a court of appeals ruled that Arar failed to establish the feds had jurisdiction over his complaints. **REUTERS**

**OTTAWA** American deserter Jeremy Hinzman will appeal his deportation order with the Federal Court after Canadian immigration officials denied his 2004 refugee claim. **REUTERS**

**TORONTO** Residents living near a propane blast site in Toronto worry about asbestos dangers. Authorities cleared some areas for re-entry, but had to re-evacuate them after finding asbestos. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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**Skin creams cause tumours on mice, study shows**

Certain commonly available skin creams may cause skin tumours, at least in mice, and experts should be checking to see if they might cause growths in people as well, researchers reported yesterday.

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# World



## Taiwan accepts pandas

Taiwan has finally approved the import of two giant pandas from China named Yuan Yuan and Tuan Tuan, overcoming suspicions that delayed their arrival by two years. China has vowed to bring Taiwan under its rule, and offered the pandas as a gesture of zoological diplomacy – their names, said together, mean “unite.”

REUTERS

## States want autonomy

**Georgia's Russia-backed rebel regions toughened their push for independence yesterday, ruling out talks with Tbilisi following a week-long conflict between Russia and Georgia.**

Eduard Kokoity and Sergei Bagapsh, self-styled presidents of South Ossetia and Abkhazia, flew to Moscow in a surprise visit to thank the Kremlin for its support during the conflict and seek Moscow's guarantees in their drive for independence.

Georgia sent troops to South Ossetia a week ago to regain control over the region but Moscow crushed Georgian forces five days later, drawing

### Uncanny guess

• The outbreak of war between Georgia and Russia shocked most of the world, but Geoff Smith, a Kiev-based analyst for Renaissance Capital investment bank, anticipated the Georgian conflict in an e-mail to a fellow strategist two days before it began.

condemnation from the West.

Earlier at the Kremlin, Medvedev said Russia supported the two regions' position in talks on their future status but did not explicitly say Russia would recognise their independence.

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### Trafficking Shriver takes stage



Maria Shriver, first lady of California, speaks at a discussion titled Human Trafficking: A Unified Call to Action, as Lourdes Laborin, first lady of Sonora Mexico, listens at the Border Governors Conference in Los Angeles yesterday.

## Clinton's name on roll call

**POLITICS** Hillary Clinton will be symbolically put forward as a presidential candidate at the Democratic convention later this month in Denver, even though she narrowly lost

the nominating battle to Barack Obama.

Obama insisted that Clinton's name be placed in nomination, the campaigns said in a joint statement.

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## Saudis ruled immune from Sept. 11 lawsuit

**RULING** The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, four princes and other Saudi entities are immune from a lawsuit filed by victims of the Sept. 11 attacks and their families alleging they gave material support to al-Qaida, a federal appeals court ruled yesterday.

The ruling upheld a 2006 decision dismissing a claim against Saudi Arabia, a Saudi charity, four princes

and a Saudi banker.

The victims and their families argued that because the defendants gave money to Muslim charities that in turn gave money to al-Qaida, they should be held responsible for helping to finance the attacks.

The appeals court found that the defendants are protected under the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act.

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### News in brief

**WAR CRIMES** The family of ex-Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic could face prosecution for helping him avoid arrest on war crimes charges for 11 years, a top international official said yesterday.

**LAYOFFS** Gannett Co. Inc. plans

to eliminate 1,000 positions from its newspapers around the U.S. because of declining advertising and circulation revenue, and may cut more if those conditions persist. The cuts equal about 3 percent of the positions in its Community Publishing unit.

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## Browne sues McCain over song use

**CAMPAIGN** Singer-songwriter Jackson Browne is suing Republican presidential nominee John McCain and the Republican party for using his song Running on Empty in a recent TV commercial.

In the suit, filed in Los Angeles, Browne claims McCain and the party did not obtain permission to use the song for an ad in which "Senator McCain and the Republicans mock Democratic candidate for president Barack Obama for suggesting that the country conserve gas through proper tire inflation."

Browne, a lifelong Democrat, is seeking unspecified damages as well as a permanent injunction prohibiting the use of Running on Empty in any form by the McCain campaign. **REUTERS**

## Poland agrees to host U.S. missiles

**SHIELD** Poland finally agreed yesterday to host elements of the U.S. global anti-missile shield system after Washington improved the terms of the deal amid the Georgia crisis.

The signing comes after Prime Minister Donald Tusk had been holding out for enhanced military cooperation with the United States in return for consent to host 10 interceptor rockets at a base in northern Poland. **REUTERS**

## Housing boom threatens bears

**MEXICO** More than 30 American black bears have been sighted around Monterrey in northern Mexico since April, some in gardens trying to drink from swimming pools and others in schools and on building sites as they seek food and water.

A housing boom in Mexico's richest city risks destroying the officially endangered bears' habitats in the surrounding forested mountains, environmentalists say. **REUTERS**

## News in brief

**HOSTAGES** Nigeria's most prominent militant group, the Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta, yesterday rescued two German hostages seized by an armed gang, an unprecedented intervention by a group that has wrought havoc on the OPEC member nation's oil sector. **REUTERS**



**Tough times fail to slow cosmetics sales**

Like Revlon and Avon Products, Estee Lauder Cos and Elizabeth Arden reported quarterly profits that met or topped Wall Street estimates, demonstrating that tough times do not cause women to cut back on make-up, skin creams and perfumes. **REUTERS**

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# Business

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**Tesco Stepping into India**

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Tesco PLC Director for Asia and Europe Philip Clarke speaks during a news conference in Mumbai yesterday. Tesco, the world's No.3 retailer, plans to set up shop in India with a wholesale cash-and-carry business and a deal to help Indian conglomerate Tata Group grow its hypermarket business.

## Housing prices cool

Canadian average home prices have fallen for the second straight month in a row, raising concern by economists that the housing market may have been caught in the undertow of a U.S. based recession.

Home prices nationally fell by a significant 3.6 per cent to \$327,020, from year ago levels in July, according to figures released by the Canadian Real Estate Association yesterday.

In June, prices fell by 0.4 per cent, the first time the market recorded a decrease in nearly a decade. "We had a small drop the month before, but this looks like the real thing."

**"We had a small drop the month before, but this looks like the real thing."**

Millan Mulraine

We hope it's not the beginning of an accelerating trend," said TD Securities Economics Strategist Millan Mulraine.

The bulk of the declines were in the western provinces, with cities such as Calgary down by 7.8 per cent, Edmonton 5.3 per cent and Vancouver 1 per cent.

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**Chip problems on iPhone: Report**

**COMPLAINTS** An Infineon chip could be at the root of complaints that Apple Inc.'s new iPhone drops calls and has unpredictable Internet links, according to Nomura. **REUTERS**

**Takeover bid for Sleep Country**

**CONTROL** Birch Hill Equity Partners Management and Westerkirk Capital launched a \$299 million takeover bid yesterday for Sleep Country Canada Income Fund. **REUTERS**

### THE DAILY BUSINESS BUZZ

**Mining loss:**

Acadian Mining Corporation has reported a second quarter loss of \$5,762,413 on revenues of \$3,688,127 from zinc and lead concentrate sales. The loss reflects the impact of events in the pit operations and negative pricing adjustments on concentrate sales settlement dates.

**Clearwater profit hit:**

Clearwater Seafoods Income Fund sales and gross profit fell in the second quarter to \$69 million and \$13 million, compared with \$75 million and \$16 million in 2007, as it felt the impact of fluctuating exchange

rates, vessel commissioning and restructuring expenses, lobster margins, administration and selling expense reductions and the adoption of new inventories accounting standard. The trustees have decided to not pay a distribution for the second quarter of 2008.

**Financing delayed:**

Landis Energy Corporation, a Calgary company building a natural gas storage facility in Alton, has run into a delay with its financing and will "have to go to the market to raise the money," president and CEO David Birkett said.

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**In brief**

**RETAIL** Wal-Mart Stores Inc. is determined to maintain its low prices despite pressure from suppliers seeking increases as commodity prices hit record levels, its chief financial officer Tom Schoewe said yesterday. The retailers reported a 17 per cent jump in profit. **REUTERS**

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Toronto's Ashley Holzer placed 19th in the individual dressage competition yesterday with a score of 67.042 to qualify for the next round. No other Canadians moved on. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

# Beijing Games

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## Pierse breaks Canadian mark

**SWIMMING** Edmonton's Annamay Pierse broke the Canadian record in the women's 200-metre breaststroke final early this morning in Beijing in a time of 2:23.77, but she finished sixth.

American Rebecca Soni broke the world record in a time of 2:20.22 en route to an upset of Australia's Leisel Jones, who won the 100 earlier in the week, for the gold. Norway's Sara Nordenstam took bronze.

## Bolt, Powell, Gay breeze in heats

**ATHLETICS** World record holder Usain Bolt barely broke sweat despite sweltering temperatures to cruise through the Olympic 100 metres heats along with compatriot Asafa Powell and world champion Tyson Gay early this morning in Beijing.

Jamaican Bolt won his heat in 10.20 seconds, while Powell ran 10.16 and American Gay in 10.22. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

# Sizzling sixth gold for phenom Phelps

## American just one short of Spitz's mark

**Michael Phelps moved within reach of his goal of winning eight gold medals at the Beijing Olympics when he won his sixth early this morning with another world record, his sixth in a week.**

The seemingly-invincible American stormed to victory in the 200-metre individual medley final, equalling his golden haul from Athens four years ago and leaving him just one short of matching Mark Spitz's record of seven golds in Munich in 1972.

Phelps led all the way to touch the wall first in one minute 54.23 seconds, 0.57 inside his previous record of 1:54.80 set at last month's U.S. Olympic trials, beating Hungary's

Laszlo Cseh and teammate Ryan Lochte.

Keith Beavers of Orangeville, Ont., placed seventh in a time of 1:59.43.

The 23-year-old Phelps had earlier won the 400 individual medley, 4x100 freestyle relay, 200 freestyle, 4x200 freestyle relay and 200 butterfly.

"I just wanted to step on it in the first 50 a little bit and try and get out to an early lead," said Phelps. "I knew in the first half if I got a big enough lead I thought I could hang on and that's all I wanted to do."

Cseh won his third silver medal behind Phelps this week, while Lochte grabbed the bronze despite diving back into the pool half an hour after he broke the 200-metre back-

stroke world record to win his first individual gold.

Lochte wiped 0.38 off the record he shared with his teammate Aaron Peirsol when he surged away on the last length to win in 1:53.94. Peirsol held on for the silver while the bronze went to Russian Arkady Vyatchanin.

Germany's Britta Steffen won the women's 100 freestyle final by a fingertip from Australia's world record holder Libby Trickett.

Steffen, who held the world record for nearly two years until Trickett snatched it in March, overhauled the Australian on the last stroke to win gold in 53.12 with Trickett just 0.04 behind and American Natalie Coughlin third.

**REUTERS**



Michael Phelps of the U.S. set his sixth world record at the Beijing Games early this morning in the men's 200-metre individual medley final at the National Aquatics Centre.

## Medal count

Rank	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
#1	China	22	8	5	35
#2	U.S.	10	9	15	34
#3	South Korea	6	7	3	16
#4	Australia	5	4	7	16
#5	France	2	8	5	15
#6	Russia	3	8	3	14
#7	Italy	6	4	3	13
#8	Germany	7	2	3	12
#9	Japan	5	3	3	11
#10	Britain	2	2	3	7
#11	Netherlands	1	2	4	7
#12	North Korea	1	2	4	7
#13	Cuba	1	3	2	6
	Canada	0	0	0	0

(Count at the end of Day 6)

# Cuban bats booming against Canada on stormy day

**BASEBALL** Cuban bats were booming on a stormy day at the Olympic baseball tournament, Alexander Malletta and Alfredo Despaigne smacking two-run homers to lift the defending gold medallists to a 7-6 win over Canada yesterday.

Earlier, it was ferocious storms providing the thunder at Wukesong Field as rains swept across the Olympic city, interrupting play and forcing the post-

ponement of one game.

Canada produced fireworks of their own, Nick Weglarz slamming a pair of homers and Michael Saunders adding a two-run shot to power them to a 5-3 sixth-inning lead.

But Cuba hit back in the bottom of the inning with two-run blasts from Despaigne and Malletta to go in front and leave the three-time Olympic champions unbeaten and on course for

another gold medal.

"It was a missed opportunity," Canadian coach Terry Puhl said. "But we can't let our intensity level drop because of a tough loss and I don't think we will."

Japan rebounded from a tough loss to Cuba in their

opener to beat Taiwan 6-1 and level their record at 1-1.

Taiwan had battled Japan into the ninth inning and were in position to pull off the upset until the World Baseball Classic winners exploded for four runs in their final at bat to clinch the victory.

The United States fought through two rain delays to sink the Netherlands 7-0 and collect their first Olympic baseball win since

taking gold at the Sydney Games.

The U.S. failed to qualify a team for the Athens Games and suffered a heart-breaking 8-7 loss to South Korea in their Beijing opener on Wednesday.

But the Americans revived their medal hopes with a rain-shortened eighth-inning victory highlighted by a sparkling pitching performance from Stephen Strasburg. **REUTERS**



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## Wrestling

Swedish 84-kg wrestler Ara Abrahamian, right, took off his greco-roman bronze medal on the podium and threw it down in protest yesterday after his bid for Olympic gold was ended by a decision denounced by the Swedish coach as "politics". REUTERS



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## Beijing Games

# Bling-bling is the thing

Expert believes cash would help Canada reach podium

## YorkReport

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So the question, essentially, is whether Ontarian Mike Brown would not have fallen 9/100ths of a second short of a bronze medal at the Olympics had he received more funding for training before splashing into the pool in Beijing?

The answer, essentially, is: Who knows?

Jane Roos believes she does. The founder a decade ago of a charity devoted to raising funds for Canada's Olympians — check out [www.canadianathletesnow.ca](http://www.canadianathletesnow.ca) — Roos knows what our athletes have done behind the scenes to make ends meet and pursue their dreams simultaneously. She knows how they train.

And strain. And drain their brains.

And she insists that, under the circumstances, they're faring well in China. Medals or not.

"Considering their lack of financial support," she says, "they're doing great."

"Take Mike Brown. He finished fourth (in the 200-metre breaststroke). Many of us couldn't finish fourth in anything on our street, let alone in world-class swimming. Mike sent me an email right after the race. He basically told me he was proud and sad at the same time. But there's no way he should be sad."

And he wouldn't be, Roos reckons, if he'd received more money for pre-Olympic training.

"I think a more elite training system would have enabled Mike to win a medal," Roos says. "Very few of our athletes can train as, say, the Americans do. In Canada, athletes get some funding from the government,

about \$1,500 a year. And then our organization raises enough to give athletes \$12,000 a year. We've raised \$7-million for them in 10 years.

**"Considering their lack of financial support, (Canadian athletes are) doing great."**

Jane Roos

completely compete against the Americans, who get millions and millions from private corporations. Canadian corporations say in expensive commercials they take care of our athletes, but do they?

"Our corporations can do much better. So could our government."

Canadians such as Toronto businessman Jeff Frketch argue against tax dollars for Olympians.

"Why care about how many medals Canada wins?" he asked in an

email he sent me yesterday. "Lack of funding hampers our athletes. So should we spend hundreds of millions so we can win a medal in field hockey?

Badminton? Synchronized diving? Please. We have some real problems in this country that need the money."

Roos agrees, but only partly.

"We have problems, yes," she says, "but Canada has enough resources to address them and also help our athletes. We need excellence on a world stage. We get depressed when we don't win medals and we need to focus on making dreams come true."

The debate, of course, shall continue.

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.

## Federer, Williamses bounced in Beijing

**TENNIS** Three of the biggest names in tennis, Roger Federer and sisters Venus and Serena Williams, crashed out at the quarter-final stage of the Olympics in a night of shocks yesterday.

Federer's nightmare year plumbed new depths when he lost to American James Blake, a player he had beaten in all eight of their previous meetings.

The Swiss top seed's game went totally haywire against Blake and he lost 6-4, 7-6.

"I always believed in myself," said Blake, now just one victory away from a guaranteed medal.

With news of Federer's shock defeat reverberating around the stadium, Serena Williams became the second of the night's big casualties when she lost to Russian fifth seed Elena Dementieva 3-6, 6-4, 6-3.

Home favourite Li Na then stole the show, out-hitting double Olympic champion Venus Williams in a sensational 7-5, 7-5 victory that sparked noisy celebrations on Centre Court.

Blake now plays Athens



Li Na of China celebrates after defeating Venus Williams of the U.S. 7-5, 7-5 in their quarter-final yesterday at the Beijing Games.

bronze medallist Fernando Gonzalez of Chile, who beat France's Paul-Henri Mathieu 6-4, 6-4.

Second seed Rafael Nadal thrashed Austria's Jurgen Melzer 6-0, 6-4 to set up a tasty semifinal with Serbian third seed Novak Djokovic who beat Frenchman Gael Monfils 4-6, 6-1, 6-4.

REUTERS

## Dream Team trounces Greece

**BASKETBALL** The United States men's team booked a quarter-final place yesterday with a 92-69 win over Greece featuring a dizzying array of acrobatic dunks from Kobe Bryant and LeBron James.

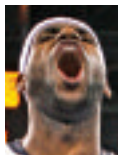
Bryant scored 18 points, while James chipped in with 13 as the Americans gained a measure of revenge for a semifinal defeat by the Greeks in the 2006 world championships.

"We're 10 times better

than we were in '06," James said. "We don't have weakness but we know if we don't come out with intensity and play how we know we can play we can lose."

World champions Spain secured their place in the quarter-finals with a 72-59 Group B victory over

Germany helped by 15 points from guard Jose Calderon, while China's Yao Ming scored 30 points in a 85-68 Group B triumph over Angola. REUTERS



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Adam "Pacman" Jones, the Dallas Cowboys' suspended cornerback, said yesterday he's sent a letter to the NFL commissioner asking to be allowed to play this season, TSN.ca reports. Jones hasn't played in the NFL since Dec. 31, 2006. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

# Sports



## Roy's surgery successful

Portland Trail Blazers guard Brandon Roy, left, underwent successful arthroscopic surgery yesterday to repair a meniscus tear in his left knee. The All-Star from the University of Washington learned of the injury following an MRI on Tuesday and is expected to be sidelined four-to-eight weeks.

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## Litsch strong in return

### Tigers 5 Blue Jays 1

**MLB** It was a postcard perfect day for afternoon baseball in Motown. Twenty-seven and sunny. A full house.

And then they had to go and ruin it by including an eighth inning.

That's when Toronto was reminded how much it does and will continue to miss set-up man Scott Downs until he returns from ankle injury.

Jesse Litsch, freshly returned from Triple-A and rearmed with a new pitch — the building block fastball, a four-seamer — was hot from the start.

"I went down (to Triple A) and tried to improve my game," Litsch said afterward. "It worked."

But after 111 pitches through seven innings, Litsch was done.

Frasor first gave up a walk to Polanco, then advanced him to second with a wild pitch. One out later, Miguel Cabrera hammered a ball into left-field, tying the game.

## TSN set to launch second channel

**TV** Canadians are getting another sports channel, though it will look a lot like one of the existing ones.

TSN announced today that it is launching TSN2, a digital channel that will air much of the channel's sports properties that often don't make it to air or are tape-delayed.

The channel is scheduled to start broadcasting on Aug. 29 at 7 p.m.

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Paula Creamer, former LPGA Rookie of the Year, shot a 1-under 71 at the CN Canadian Women's Open yesterday, and sits four strokes off the lead heading into the second round.

## Ochoa on top at Canadian Open

**GOLF** Defending champion Lorena Ochoa birdied her final hole for a 6-under-par 66 and took a one-stroke lead over world No. 2 Annika Sorenstam yesterday in the first round of the 2008 CN Canadian Women's Open at the Ottawa Hunt and Gold Club.

Sorenstam won the inaugural CN Canadian Women's Open in 2001 at Angus Glen Golf Club in

Markham, Ont., but has not made it back to Canada to defend her title, as the annual contest has overlapped the Ladies European Tour's Scandinavian TPC, an event where Sorenstam plays host.

Alena Sharp carded a 1-under-par 71 to emerge as the frontrunner in a pack of 16 Canadians in this week's field.

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## Buffalo holds on for win in Toronto

### Bills 24 Steelers 21

**In a perfect world, everyone who comes out to the Bills in Toronto series over the next five years would be like Simon Doyle.**

He's a patriotic Canadian who loves the CFL, but who drove down from Ottawa with a friend to watch the Buffalo Bills play the Pittsburgh Steelers at the Rogers Centre.

### "This is the NFL. It's the biggest stage."

Simon Doyle

Doyle purchased a ticket package giving him two seats to each of the Bills' first three games in Toronto, and even before last night's game kicked off, he said it was worth every cent of the \$1,800 he paid.

"I know I don't come see

the Argos, but that's not my team. This is the NFL. It's the biggest stage."

But the Bills and Steelers didn't play last night's pre-season game in a perfect world.

Instead the game — which, for the record, ended in a 24-21 Bills win — took place in the real world, where 48,434 Canadian fans embraced the NFL's latest venture north of the border.

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## McCabe headed to Florida: Report

**NHL** Bryan McCabe's days as a Maple Leaf are likely numbered — at about 17.

But even as Canada's major sports networks posted updates yesterday reporting a pending trade that would send the defenceman to the Florida Panthers after Sept. 1, the Leafs' general manager and McCabe's agent both denied such a deal was tentatively in place.

They both acknowledged they are working towards some sort of compromise, one that may see the much-maligned defenceman waive the no-movement clause of his contract in or-

der to be dealt out of Toronto.

But both said nothing is complete.

"(McCabe) hasn't even said he would accept being traded yet. We're working on it," said Cliff Fletcher, Toronto's general manager.

Both TSN and Sportsnet, citing sources, yesterday posted reports that a deal in principle is in place that will send McCabe to Florida once Sept. 1 has passed.



Bryan McCabe

TSN said the players had been agreed upon and another Toronto player would likely be moving with McCabe to the Panthers with the Leafs getting at least one player back.

Sportsnet reported as part of the deal, Toronto will receive Panthers' defenceman Mike Van Ryn. An interesting twist is that the Leafs tried to sign Van Ryn, now 29, when he was declared a free agent by an arbitrator in 2000. Van Ryn signed instead with St. Louis.

If the Sportsnet scenario is correct, Toronto will free up almost \$3 million in cap space. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

## Sports in brief

**NHL** The Pittsburgh Penguins broke ground on their new arena yesterday. The new multi-purpose facility, which is located beside Mellon Arena, is slated to open in time for the 2010-11

season. The Pens have played at Mellon Arena since 1967.

**NHL** The Phoenix Coyotes re-signed center Joel Perreault to a two-year contract yesterday. The

6-foot-1, 197-pound Perreault appeared in 49 games for the Coyotes last season and notched seven goals and 10 assists, all of which were career highs.

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## Flyers, coach agree on extension

The Philadelphia Flyers reached an agreement with head coach John Stevens on a two-year contract extension yesterday. Since his hiring on October 22, 2006, the Campbellton, N.B., native has compiled a 63-71-22 mark in 156 games. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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# Smith says best is yet to come

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## It's not often you hear someone in first place talk of having a disappointing season.

But as Timberlea's Wayne Smith prepares to move one step closer to a Carquest Maritime Pro Stock Tour championship, he thinks the best is still yet to come. And he has a chance to prove it this Saturday at the Scott Kelly Memorial 100 at the Riverside International Speedway.



Wayne Smith

"Nothing's been really working. We haven't had that good of a year really. Actually those guys have had a couple good nights and a couple bad nights,

while we've been just steady, finishing in the top five or six every night."

Smith only has one victory, but a string of solid finishes have given him a 26-point lead over second-place Lonnie Sommerville of Saint John, N.B. Just three points behind him is another local rider, Shawn Turple of Enfield.

There are three races after this weekend, two of which will be longer than normal. When you factor in the possible bonus points for leading laps, there's plenty of opportunity for Smith to lose his lead, and he

knows it.

"That can be made up in one night pretty easily, so you've still got to be careful and make sure you don't get wrecked," he



Wayne Smith has only won one race so far this season, but he still holds a 26-point lead over second-place Lonnie Sommerville.

said.

Part of the trick will be figuring out which car to drive. He's got three at his disposal, and he's had

great success with them in the past. But they haven't had the same feel this season. He's been constantly tinkering with them, hop-

ing to be able to get into a groove for the last few races.

"Last year we won five races out of ten, which was

pretty good," he said. "This year we just can't seem to get the cars to go. They're the same cars so we can't understand why."

## Benoite takes reins at MUN

**CIS** The Halifax Rainmen's loss is Newfoundland's gain, but you won't hear them complaining.

Peter Benoite, 33, the captain of the Rainmen last year, will take over as head coach of the men's basketball team at Memorial University.

"We're extremely excited for Peter," said Rainmen owner Andre

Levinson. "He's a class act guy. With his knowledge of the game and his commitment to the game of basketball, they couldn't have picked a better guy."

A native of Barasway, N.L., Benoite was an assistant coach at MUN with the women's team from 1999-2002 and with the men's team from 2005-

2007.

He also was a student there for five years from 1993 to 1998.

In 1996/97 he led the Sea-Hawks to a 16-4 record, the team's best yet.

Benoite graduated with a degree in mathematics and statistics and was academic all-Canadian each of his five seasons at MUN. Benoite replaces Todd Aughey, who resigned in June.

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Peter Benoite

## Sports in brief

### HOCKEY

The 2008 Black Ice Hockey and Sports Hall of Fame Conference begins today at 5 p.m. at the Alderney Landing Cultural Convention Centre in Dartmouth. Former NHL players, Olympic athletes and various other special guests will be on hand during the two-day event that celebrates the legacy of the Coloured Hockey League in the Maritimes from 1895-1930. Admission for the weekend costs \$25 for adults and \$10 for youth.

### GOLF

A tough fourth round dropped Halifax's David Williamson to 56th place at the RCGA Men's Amateur Championship in Lethbridge, Alta. Williamson had five bogeys and two double-bogeys in the fourth round, dropping from 3-over-par to 10-over. Williamson finished shooting a combined 294 (75, 69, 72, 78). He finished 20 strokes behind winner Cam Burke of New Hamburg, Ont., who carded a 10-under 274.

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## SCOREBOARD

### MLB

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE

##### EAST DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Tampa Bay	72	47	.605	-
Boston	70	51	.579	3
N.Y. Yankees	64	57	.529	9
Toronto	62	59	.512	11
Baltimore	57	62	.479	15

##### CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Chicago Sox	67	52	.563	-
Minnesota	67	53	.558	½
Detroit	58	62	.483	9½
Cleveland	54	65	.454	13
Kansas City	54	66	.450	13½

##### WEST DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
L.A. Angels	75	44	.630	-
Texas	61	60	.504	15
Oakland	55	64	.462	20
Seattle	46	74	.383	29½

#### NATIONAL LEAGUE

##### EAST DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
N.Y. Mets	64	56	.533	-
Philadelphia	64	56	.533	-
Florida	63	58	.521	½
Atlanta	55	65	.458	9
Washington	44	77	.364	20½

##### CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Chicago Cubs	73	47	.608	-
Milwaukee	70	51	.579	3½
St. Louis	67	56	.545	7½
Houston	61	59	.508	12
Pittsburgh	55	65	.458	18
Cincinnati	53	68	.438	20½

##### WEST DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Arizona	61	59	.508	-

#### YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

##### AMERICAN LEAGUE

Detroit 5, Toronto 1	Chicago Sox 9, Kansas City 2	Tampa Bay 7, Oakland 6	Boston 10, Texas 0
Baltimore at Cleveland	Houston 7, San Francisco 4	Arizona 6, Colorado 2	San Diego 3, Milwaukee 2
Cincinnati 3, Pittsburgh 1	N.Y. Mets 9, Washington 3	St. Louis 3, Florida 0	Chicago Cubs at Atlanta
Philadelphia at L.A. Dodgers			

##### TODAY'S GAMES

Toronto at Boston, 8:05	Baltimore at Detroit, 8:05	Kansas City at N.Y. Yankees, 8:05	L.A. Angels at Cleveland, 8:05
Tampa Bay at Texas, 9:05	Seattle at Minnesota, 9:10	Chicago Sox at Oakland, 11:05	

##### NATIONAL LEAGUE

N.Y. Mets at Pittsburgh, 8:05	Chicago Cubs at Florida, 8:10	St. Louis at Cincinnati, 8:10	San Francisco at Atlanta, 8:35
Colorado at Washington, 8:35	Arizona at Houston, 9:05	Philadelphia at San Diego, 11:05	Milwaukee at L.A. Dodgers, 11:40

##### AL BATTING LEADERS

Name, team	AB	R	H	AVG
Damon NYY	404	66	30	.322

##### NL BATTING LEADERS

Name, team	AB	R	H	AVG
Jones Atl	330	63	32	.370
Holliday Col	408	82	141	.346
Pujols STL	385	73	133	.345
Berkman Hou	420	95	139	.331
Theriot CHC	438	64	139	.317
Lee Hou	436	61	137	.314
Jackson Ari	404	71	125	.309
Reyes NYM	509	85	155	.305
Hudson Ari	407	54	124	.305
Schumaker STL	415	69	126	.304
Molina STL	369	30	112	.304

##### WEST DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Saskatchewan	6	1	0	12
Edmonton	4	3	0	8
Calgary	4	3	0	8
B.C.	4	3	0	8

##### LAST NIGHT'S RESULT

	W	L	PCT	GB
Hamilton at Winnipeg				
Tonight's Game				
Montreal at Toronto, 8:30				

## Becker, Jockel to square off in Open final

**TENNIS** Top seed Adam Becker is slated to play Dan Jockel in the men's final of the Steele Subaru Nova Scotia Open this Saturday at the Waegwoltic club.

An upset in the women's side saw Farina Rafiq, 15, down number two seed Car-

## "I'll just try to stay focused."

Farina Rafiq

oline Tremaine. Rafiq moves into the finals against Caroline's sister,

top-ranked Sarah Tremaine, who defeated Stephanie Bagnell.

"I'll just try to stay focused and play my game and not let (the pressure) bother me," said Rafiq, who is making her first trip to the final. **METRO HALIFAX**



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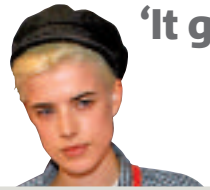
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## Movies

## Allen makes this European excursion work

Vicky Cristina  
Barcelona

**Director:** Woody Allen  
**Stars:** Javier Bardem, Scarlett Johansson, Penelope Cruz  
**Classification:** 14A  
**Rating:** ⓈⓈⓈⓈ

PHIL BROWN  
 for Metro Canada

**REVIEW** Vicky Cristina Barcelona appears on screens one year shy of the 40th anniversary of Woody Allen's directorial debut *Take The Money And Run*.

Despite the fact that the director has averaged one film per year since, his latest movie has the energy, vitality, and themes of a young filmmaker trying to make a name for himself. A change of scenery

worked wonders for Allen in 2005 when he traveled to London to make *Match Point* (arguably his greatest drama), and a Spanish setting has proved to be equally inspiring for the 72-year-old filmmaker on this project, which is his finest romantic comedy in years.

Scarlett Johansson and Rebecca Hall star as the titular duo Vicky and Cristina, two lost souls spending a summer in Barcelona.

They meet Juan Antonio (Javier Bardem), an artist who introduces himself by inviting the pair to join him for a weekend of food, wine, and lovemaking.

The girls agree and while Vicky must put aside her feelings for Juan because of an impending marriage, Cristina continues her affair with the artist, which grows more

complicated when his ex-wife (Penelope Cruz) returns.

What follows is a breezy, cheerful, and hilarious ode to youthful indiscretions filmed in the burned-out warm colors and unpredictable style of New Mexican Cinema.

Ever the pessimist, Allen refuses to grant his characters a "happily ever after," but the movie still benefits from the most joyful representation love that Allen has permitted on screen since Dianne Keaton uttered "La-di-da."

Granted, the film suggests that such love is fleeting and must be appreciated before it inevitably disappears, but by Woody's standards that statement is practically a Hallmark card.

Away from his New York setting, Vicky Christina



Javier Bardem and Scarlett Johansson star in Woody Allen's *Vicky Cristina Barcelona*.

Barcelona certainly doesn't rank among Allen's greatest achievements, but it is his most successful comedy this decade and boasts sensa-

tional performances from Bardem and Cruz (whose brief kiss with Johansson has been sadly over publicized).

Hopefully this hit-and-

miss four year cinematic excursion to Europe will revitalize Allen when he returns to New York to shoot his upcoming collaboration with Larry David.

## Fish out of water, thanks to Rainn

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Rainn Wilson enjoyed getting out of *The Office* for a little while.

The Emmy-nominated and Screen Actors Guild winner got to trade in his role as the authoritarian and socially inept sales rep Dwight Schrute in the NBC sitcom for a shaggy-haired, beer-swilling musician in his new family comedy *The Rocker* — filmed in part in Toronto.

In the movie directed by Oscar-nominated filmmaker Peter Cattaneo (*The Full Monty*), Wilson plays Fish, a drummer in a 1980s hair metal group who's ditched by his band mates just as they're on the cusp of superstardom. He gets a new lease on life, and a chance at the fame he missed out on after a clip of him

drumming in the nude for his nephew's band surfaces online. "I'm so used to playing nerdy weirdos," says Wilson, 42.

"So it was a fun challenge to get out and cut loose for the role of Fish. I didn't really have any specific drummers in mind when I worked out the part, though, because there are so many great ones, and I wanted to create this character that was all flash and no substance."

"Most of my memory from filming this thing was a lot of artificial sweat and a Halloween wig."

The premise sounds like a familiar story involving a certain Fab Four and their former drummer, doesn't it? But the music aficionado — he's a fan of Wilco, Bob Dylan and The National to name a few — insists he never asked Pete Best, arguably the music



Rainn Wilson got nude and sweaty for his role as a drummer in his upcoming movie, *The Rocker*.

world's most notorious could-have-been (who makes a cameo in the movie), for insight on what it's like to be the one left behind.

"No, I didn't take any tips from him, but it was very cool to meet him," says Wilson. "I was really nervous about it, actually."

So with *The Rocker* in the can, Wilson's looking forward to the 3-D feature *Transformers II: Revenge*

of *The Fallen*, slated for release next June. Online reports say the actor will make a cameo as a university professor, but Wilson's pretty tight-lipped about it himself. He will offer this little nugget of information, however:

"I get to kill Shia LeBeouf," he laughs.

"It's going to be pretty awesome, because that annoying little jerk has it coming."

## Amal an inspiring tale of the nice guy

## Amal

**Director:** Richie Mehta  
**Stars:** Rupinder Nagra  
**Classification:** 14A  
**Rating:** ⓈⓈⓈⓈ

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**REVIEW** Amal, the gentle auto-rickshaw driver at the centre of Mehta's critically acclaimed film, could never have played for baseball manager Leo Durocher. Durocher once reportedly said that nice guys finish last. But what if the nice guy doesn't even consider it a competition?

Amal, portrayed by Hamilton-raised actor Rupinder Nagra, leads an honest, unfettered life.

There's family, work. That's it.

In the bustling Indian city of New Delhi, surrounded by characters obsessed with money, Amal is as ambitious as a nap — and just as peaceful. Mehta brings these worlds together, and he does so without resorting to the usual fish-out-of-water clichés.

Nagra's performance is all restraint and subtlety. He says much more with his eyes and facial expressions than he does when he speaks.

An interesting subtext here is the conflict between the old ways and the ever-forward march of technology: Amal's livelihood is being threatened by a new subway. And although the lush scenery of New Delhi is integral to the film, the story could have been set anywhere.

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## Reel Time

\*\*\*\*\* A CLASSIC; \*\*\*\* EXCELLENT; \*\*\* GOOD; \*\* FAIR; \* POOR

## Bottle Shock merely pap

### Bottle Shock

**Director:** Randall Miller  
**Stars:** Alan Rickman, Bill Pullman  
**Classification:** PG  
**Rating:** \*\*

ADAM NAYMAN  
for Metro Canada

**REVIEW** Aside from a scene in which an anxious Bill Pullman obliterates the top of a bottle of wine with a samurai sword, there are no surprises in Bottle Shock.

This is partially because its story — about a group of affable, flannel-clad Napa Valley winemakers who turn the industry on its snooty French nose by producing a top-shelf Chardonnay — is based in fact: in 1973, the California-based Chateau Montelena won a French tasting contest and made the marketplace safe for American plonk.

It's also because director Randall Miller never met a reaction shot or an overbearing music cue that he couldn't use: Bottle Shock is perfectly content to be pap.

The material is interesting but the details are hackneyed.

We get a perfectionist vintner father (Pullman) who tries to straighten out his layabout son (Chris Pine); an attractive intern (Rachael Taylor) splits her affections between said handsome layabout and his golden-palated, fetchingly dorky pal (Freddy Rodriguez); meanwhile, a sassy local barmaid (Eliza Dushku) doles out wisdom.

The only performer to rise above the crowd-pleasing atmosphere is Alan Rickman as the Paris wine shop owner who puts the tasting contest in motion.

# Funny Bunny: Faris plays Playmate

STEVE GOW  
for Metro Canada

**For most serious thespians, playing a bubble-headed nudie model whose greatest aspiration is to become a Playboy Playmate is probably not high on their to-do list. Anna Faris however, is not your average thespian.**

Blasting onto the Hollywood scene in 2000 with her ditzzy lead role in Scary Movie, Faris has slowly gained notoriety playing "the wacky blonde" in stickier comedies like The Hot Chick and Just Friends.

"I wasn't getting the chance to play the roles I really wanted to," Faris revealed recently in L.A. while promoting The House Bunny (opening next Friday).

"This felt like, oh, so maybe I can do this and maybe I can continue to do this, which would be amazing."

What she's referring to likely doesn't have so much to do with playing a



Anna Faris stars in The House Bunny, which opens next Friday.

scantily-clad model as it does with getting a movie made in the dog-eat-dog world of Hollywood.

See, Faris not only stars in The House Bunny, but she's an executive producer on the film having con-

ceived the idea about a Playmate who gets kicked out of living in Hugh Hefner's mansion because of her age.

Desperate for shelter, she ends up a housemother to a nerdy group of

sorority girls.

"I think that it's more about finding her family and that she realizes that she doesn't belong in that world anymore," says Faris about the Playboy aspirations in the story.

"(But I also) don't think it's necessarily a judgment against that world."

Co-star Emma Stone would agree. In fact, she insists that Faris is the root of the movie's honesty.

"What Anna brought to the role was someone (our characters) could relate to from the outside," admits the young actress.

"It was so important that someone like Anna, or just Anna, played this role because her likeability and her heart shines through the whole thing."

Still, while the film does have heart and even contains a strong message about individuality, don't think that Anna Faris wasn't also attracted to hanging out at the Playboy Mansion and dressing up in skimpy, sexy outfits — a notion that certainly didn't impress everyone.

"When I floated the idea past my mom, who's pretty conservative, she was like, 'You're doing what?'" laughs Faris in hindsight. "Now, of course, she's like, 'I'm so proud of you.'"

## The Clone Wars nothing but a Star Wars clone

STEVE GOW  
for Metro Canada

**REVIEW** In my humble opinion, we need another Stars Wars movie like Jabba the Hutt's waistline needs another Klatooine paddy frog.

If you understood that reference, chances are you don't agree with me and in fact, you're probably quite giddy to see Star Wars: The Clone Wars.

Set sometime between Episode II and III, The Clone Wars sticks Anakin Skywalker, Obi-Wan Kenobi and Yoda in the middle of an intergalactic civil war



Anakin Skywalker and his new padawan, Ahsoka, join forces in Star Wars: The Clone Wars.

between the good clones and the evil Imperial droids.

There, Skywalker is paired up with a wiry, young Jedi apprentice

named Ahsoka Tano and the duo must rescue Jabba the Hutt's slimy little kidnapped son.

In reality, this movie kicks-off a new animated

### Star Wars: The Clone Wars

**Director:** Dave Filoni  
**Stars:** Matt Lanter, Ashley Eckstein  
**Classification:** PG  
**Rating:** \*\*

series of the same name, and although it makes a great way to launch a TV show, it also highlights where this film truly belongs.

Sure, it's an interesting combination of traditional animation, CGI and anime (specifically during battle scenes), but the story itself is about as compelling as

watching somebody play a videogame for 90 minutes.

Difficult to follow at first, the movie is also hampered by flat, uninspired dialogue.

Worse yet, unable to recruit most of the actors from the films, producers were left with cheap vocal substitutes that seemingly stand to set the film up to be what it is: an imitation of the real thing.

When it seems a legacy like Star Wars would be so unimpeachable, it makes you wonder why George Lucas would allow such a (pardon the pun) clone into the world.



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## This time it's jail for Joan

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Joan Allen has been accused of witchcraft in *The Crucible* and played a vice-presidential nominee in *The Contender*.

She's even been the wife of a U.S. president in Nixon. Of all things she's been though, the mastermind of a car rally to the death is not one of them.

In *Death Race* (opening next Friday), the multi-Academy Award nominated actress plays an evil prison warden who sends inmates out to the track to race for their freedom. Deemed the "most twisted spectator sport on Earth," muscle cars are loaded with machine guns to help eliminate competitors.

It's definitely not what you'd expect from the lady who played Pat Nixon.

"I loved *Road Warrior*, and I thought if this film did what *Road Warrior* did, I would be thrilled to be part of something like that," Allen enthusiastically said during a recent interview in



Joan Allen says she was enthralled with the *Death Race* script.

San Diego. "I just thought that it was very well written. You get a script, and if you just keep turning the page regardless of what genre it is and you're intrigued and interested and want to know what happens — I think that says a lot, and that's what happened to me with this."

Seeing Allen play such a diabolical character will not only be a new experience for fans, but it was also a departure for Allen. As much as she enjoys making sobering dramas, she's unsure why it's difficult to land more action-oriented parts.

"It's hard to ever know. I think it's difficult for Hollywood to take too big a risk on things because it's not

easy to raise money and make films. "It's more comforting to know, 'Oh, that actor can do this and we know they can do it,'" adds Allen.

"So I felt like they did take a bit of a chance with me on this and I'm grateful for it." Allen won't be holding her breath to become the next action hero, however.

She just wrapped a heartwarming remake of a Japanese drama called *Hachiko: A Dog's Story* and will soon be returning to Broadway. And if asked to do a *Death Race* sequel, even that may come with some demands.

"Get me behind one of those wheels," laughs Allen. "That would be fun."

## Movie morsels

## Tropic thunder

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**REVIEW** Ben Stiller leads the all-star cast of Jack Black, Robert Downey Jr. and even Tom Cruise (in a surprising role that's sure to relieve those who thought he'd all but beamed up to Planet Thetan) in this spoof of Hollywood egos and icons. Stiller plays Tugg Speedman, a fleeting action star leading the cast of a fictional war film being shot in Southeast Asia.

After the movie goes over budget, the actors are sent into the jungle to capture "real fear in their eyes". Instead, the gang loses their director, get lost themselves and fall prey to real terrorists.

The twist: They're convinced it's all part of the movie. It's a great premise and one that doesn't let down with its cast.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

lives, all the while struggling to maintain childhood friendships.

At the end of the day, *Sisterhood 2* is a big cheer — hooray for the friends as everything works out (of course).

Jim Reyno/Metro Canada

## Pineapple Express

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**REVIEW** Produced by Judd Apatow and starring Seth Rogen, this film is a Mid-night Run-type caper about a dope-smoking process server who goes on the lam with his hapless drug dealer (James Franco) after witnessing a murder.

*Pineapple Express* still works as an impossibly hip comedy about impossibly uncool characters.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

## The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor

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**REVIEW** Rick O'Connell (Brendan Fraser) returns to action with his wife (Maria Bello) after his son digs up the tomb of an evil Emperor and ... well, as O'Connell exclaims, "there's a mummy on the loose!"

Nobody expects perfection from this type of movie, but dialogue is expository and unfunny and

the visual effects only mildly distract from a plot that leaves this mummy as thrilling as a 2,000 year old bag of bones.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

## The Dark Knight

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**REVIEW** The follow-up to *Batman Begins* definitely takes the caped crusader down a darker path. When the psychopathic villain The Joker (played by the late Heath Ledger) terrorizes Gotham City, Batman (Christian Bale) is tangled in a moral struggle. People will flock to this film (and rightly so) because Christopher Nolan creates a stunning visual masterpiece and captures mesmerizing performances by Bale and Ledger.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

## Journey to the Center of the Earth

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**REVIEW** Brendan Fraser stars in this 3D film, which features, among other exercises of the medium, a thick glob of dinosaur drool launching from the screen and into your eye. Journey's hurtling pace and enthusiasm for every unlikely new peril is the best thing about the film.

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**Amal** (14) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, Sub-Titled Fri-Thu 1:20-3:55-6:35-9:10

**American Teen** (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 2:40-7:05-9:30

**The Dark Knight** (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:15-3:30-6:45-10

**Hancock** (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Sat 9 Dolby Stereo Digital Sun Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Tue 9 Dolby Stereo Digital Wed 9:30 Dolby Stereo Digital Thu 9

**Journey to the Center of the Earth** (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Sat 12:30-3:6:35 Dolby Stereo Digital Sun 12:30-3 Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Tue 12:30-3:6:35 Dolby Stereo Digital Wed 12:30-3 Dolby Stereo Digital Thu 12:30-3:6:35

**Mamma Mia!** (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 1:30-4:10-7:10-9:40

**Mirrors** (18) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:30-4:05-7:15-9:45

**The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor** (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:50-4:30-7:15-9:50

**Pineapple Express** (18) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:40-1:40-3:15-4:20-6:45-7:05-9:15-9:45

**The Rocker** (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 12:50-3:30-6:50-9:25

**Singh Is Kinning** (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Tue 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:50 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Wed-Thu

**The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2** (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri-Sun 1:10-4:40-9:25 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 1:10-4:40-9:25

**Star Wars: The Clone Wars** (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri-Thu 12:50-3:20-6:50-9:20

**Step Brothers** (14) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:50-4:30-7:10-9:40

**Swing Vote** (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 9:30

**Tropic Thunder** (18) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri-Thu 12:40-1:40-3:15-4:40-7:10-9:05-9:40

**Vicky Cristina Barcelona** (14) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:30-3:30-9

**WALL-E** (G) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 1:30-4:10-7

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## IMAX

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**The Dark Knight: The IMAX Experience** (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:31:5-6:30-9:45

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**Bottle Shock** (PG) Fri 6:30-9:10 Sat-Sun 2:6:30-9:10 Mon-Thu 6:30-9:10

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**Mirrors** (18) Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:50-3:30-6:40-9:20

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Maggie Gyllenhaal stars as Rachel Dawes and Christian Bale stars as Bruce Wayne in *The Dark Knight*, which is currently in theatres.

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**The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor** (PG) Stereo Fri 6:40-9 Stereo Sat-Sun 2:25-6:40-9 Stereo Mon-Thu 6:40-9

**Space Chimps** (G) Stereo Sat-Sun 2:05

**Star Wars: The Clone Wars** (PG) Stereo Fri 6:50-9:05 Stereo Sat-Sun 2:20-6:50-9:05 Stereo Mon-Thu 6:50-9:05

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**Journey to the Center of the Earth 3D** (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Tue 1:15-3:35-6:55-9:30 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 1:15-3:35-9:30

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In 2000, David Bowie and Iman welcomed their first child, Alexandria Zahra Jones, into the world. A statement at the time reports that Bowie is involved in the delivery process and even cuts the umbilical cord. METRO NEWS SERVICES

## Music

## The future of music in China

On the immigration card you're given just before you land in Beijing, you're asked about your health. "Are you moment experiencing any of the following conditions: Coughing, fever, nausea, headaches, sweats, sneezing or snivelling?" (Snivelling? What does that even mean?)

The card also warns you of the penalties for transporting any unauthorized material into the country.

One can assume this means any form of media that may be considered to have a corrupting influence on the culture of China. Pornography, for example, is forbidden. So is anything that might cause offense to the government. Which brings me to music.

Tens of thousands of Westerners are visiting China for the Olympics. Millions more will be lured later after this giant coming-out party winds down. I'm willing to bet that the Beijing rock scene will benefit greatly.

Although Chinese rock stars do exist — my favourite is Cui Jian, the anointed Father of Chinese Rock, whose song, I Have Nothing/Nothing to My Name, was an unofficial anthem of the Tiananmen Square uprising — they're almost completely unknown outside the country.

There are many flavours of zhōngguó yāo n — Chinese rock — as there are in the West: punk, extreme metal, Goth, alt-rock, hip-hop, electronica. Music-minded visitors looking for local colour will no doubt find Beijing clubs like MAO Live

## SoundCheck

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House, D-22 and Yugong Yishan, where they'll find music that could only be made by people exploding after generations of oppression and authoritarian rule.

Maybe someone will get discovered. Some people are betting on Joyslide, a group from north of Beijing who have released albums with titles like Drunk is Beautiful and Everything Sucks.

Or maybe zhōngguó yāo n has something to teach us. Because pirates and counterfeiters destroyed all semblance of a Western-style music industry years ago, some music industry experts are looking at China for clues on how they can adapt to the new realities they face at home. If you can't sell CDs, how can you make a living? This year's Music Matters Asia, the annual Asia-Pacific music forum in Hong Kong was the biggest yet, and featured speakers like U2 manager Paul McGuinness and Terry McBride of Canada's Nettwerk Records.

No one knows what long-term effects the Olympics will have on China, but I have a feeling that music is going to be involved somewhere along the way.

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## Midway State fan out

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The men of the Midway State have traded their bunk beds for a tour bus, and they couldn't be happier about it, even if the bus and the cramped room they once shared have more in common than they would like.

The original tight quarters were the price the band paid to move from Collingwood, Ont., to Toronto. Drummer Daenen Bramberger explains, "We were just out of high school. We didn't have a lot of money, so the four of us split one out of a two-bedroom apartment, with two bunk beds, just so we could be here in the thick of it."

Singer-pianist Nathan Ferraro adds, "When you wake up in the morning and there's, like, a tiny ass room and four dudes sleeping in it every night, it's kind of like a tour bus, you know, so we're kind of back to square one."



Midway State's new album Holes is a catchy, soulful blend of piano-driven, hook-heavy songs.

In that sense, maybe, but with some crucial differences: New bass and guitar players, a debut album released by Interscope Records, and an iTunes Single of the Week that got rave reviews from downloaders.

Their album, Holes, is a catchy, soulful blend of piano-driven, hook-heavy songs reminiscent of Coldplay and Ben Folds.

Their music caught the

attention of industry executives after they released the video for their song Change for You over YouTube.

Stevie of Sum 41 directed the video, done in one continuous, unedited shot.

"If you could see the behind-the-scenes footage, it's crazy. Like, 40 people running around and throwing stuff out of the way," says Ferraro.

"When the camera

would zoom in on my face, all the crew would come in and change the set behind me, and these guys would change clothes and run in and out, then it would zoom out and it would be like a new room."

Ferraro says, "It was kind of like a magic video for us in a way because it was so just like off-the-cuff, but it turned out to be a huge thing for our band."

## Busker Festival doesn't disappoint

## HaliwoodHeadlines

Nikki Balch



The lack of sunshine has not kept Maritimers from checking out the Halifax International Busker Festival — and, as usual, Halifax hasn't left any visitors disappointed. One dancer, visiting from New York, told

me Halifax is one of his favourite cities to visit. He said he's amazed by the "small-town friendliness and the big-city nightlife!" Buskerfest continues on the Halifax waterfront until Sunday, August 17. Make sure you don't miss the 71 world-class acts.

Halifax is also getting ready to host the best DJs, emcees and breakdancers in the Maritimes. Friday, Aug. 22 is the first night of the 2008 DJ Olympics. Check out the "2008 DJ Olympics" facebook group for the full eight-week schedule!

Avril Lavigne rocked the Metro Centre last Sunday. Fans left the Halifax stop of her Best Damn Tour with smiles and a little surprise performance from Lavigne's husband, Deryck Whibley of Sum 41.

Don't forget that Simple Plan, along with special guests Faber Drive and Cute is What We Aim For, are taking on the same stage Aug. 21. Snag your tickets at the Ticket Atlantic box office.

We'll have more hot talent taking on the best city in the world next month too! The Choose Love/Ur-

ban Music Fest Tour, featuring Toronto's Jhevon Paris and Halifax's own Jordan Croucher, is happening Aug. 25 at Alderney Landing.

Democracy 250's concert lineup for their September show will be announced soon. Some super-hot artists will take the stage with D250 youth ambassadors Jordan Croucher and Dwight d'Eon. Check your Haliwood Headlines next week for more info.

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## Duchovny developing rock comedy

**MOVIES** Husband-and-wife actor/producers David Duchovny and Tea Leoni will be making music with

CBS Films, which has acquired the comedy script Born to Rock.

Conceived and devel-

oped by Duchovny and Leoni's film production company, And Then Prods., the project revolves

around a group of struggling, aging rock musicians. Because of a mix-up in their demo tape, they

end up catching a record executive's attention for a children's song written on a lark.

Duchovny, who described the project as "rock 'n' roll meets the sip-

py-cup crowd," noted the relevance of mixing older musicians with youth-oriented music. "It speaks to a cultural phenomenon that is happening right now in music," he said. **REUTERS**

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Hanks to join Mad Men

Actor Colin Hanks, left, will be joining the cast of Mad Men for three episodes this season, beginning Sunday. He will play a young priest visiting the church that Peggy's family attends. **TVGUIDE.COM**

## TV

## Hills star lands sitcom cameo

**NEW ROLE** The Hills star Audrina Patridge has landed a cameo role in new sitcom Do Not Disturb alongside Jerry O'Connell and Niecy Nash, imdb.com reports.

The reality TV star will feature in an episode of the upcoming Fox series, about staff at a luxury hotel, which is due to air later this year.

And Patridge is excited to be able to put her acting skills to the test.

She writes on her official website, "(The show) takes



Audrina Patridge

place in New York City at a swanky hotel.

Patridge is also set to appear in new movie Into The Blue 2, according to People.com. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

## Child moonlighting as spy?

## IntelleVision

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**SPIES LIKE US:** It's not like it was ever really a secret — the factoid has been showing up in her biographies for years, and appeared in

her New York Times obituary — but with the release of declassified U.S. government documents yesterday, it's official: Julia Child was a spy.

In addition to being one of the first ever celebrity TV chefs, Child was an operative for the Office of Strategic Services, the Second World War-era predecessor to the CIA, a distinction she shares with Chicago White Sox pitcher Moe

Berg, actor Sterling Hayden, the sons of Theodore Roosevelt and Ernest Hem-

ingway, historian Arthur Schlesinger Jr. and the father of the drummer in new wave superstars The Police, according to an Associated Press story.

More than 35,000 OSS documents have been declassified, shedding light on the agency's membership and history during the fight against Nazi Germany, and finally offering an explanation for why Child, who died in 2004 and was a fixture on PBS for four decades, could noiselessly kill a full-grown man with a set of measuring spoons and build a car bomb with a mixture of rubbed thyme and smoked paprika.

**NETWORK DEATH KNELL:** Everyone knows that cable has been stealing lunch from the big broadcast networks for years now, but a

story in Advertising Age this week has the numbers in excruciating detail — the sorts of figures that should be causing some weeping and wailing in corner offices in Manhattan and Hollywood.

With their shift away from "acquired programming" — the licensed and syndicated shows, movies and reruns that still dominate programming on cable channels such as TCM, TV Land and Nick At Nite in the U.S., and TVtropolis, Showcase Diva and Action here in Canada — to original programming, leading cable channels have turned themselves into an army of HBOs in the last few years, but it's only in the last year or two that they've invested in promoting their original fare, and it's paying off.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

## FRIDAY

HA	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
31	31	31	ABC	News (N)	ABC Wild News	Inside Edition	Wednesday	Legally Blonde ** (2001, Comedy)	Reese Witherspoon.			20/20 (N)
7	7	7	ASN	Twice in a Lifetime	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy!		Movie				Jeff Ltd.
11	11	11	CBC	XXIX Summer Olympics From Beijing	Swimming, finals; beach volleyball, round of 16 match; baseball: Canada vs. USA; athletics.							
32	32	32	CBS	News (N)	Evening News	The Insider (N)	Entertainment	Ghost Whisperer (HDTV)	NUMB3RS "Black Swan"			Swingtown (N)
6	6	6	CHIF	Entertainment	ET Canada	Very Bad Men		Swingtown (HDTV) (N)	NUMB3RS "Black Swan"			News (N)
9	9	9	CJCH	TMZ (N)	Jeopardy!	Greek "Picking Teams"		Ghost Whisperer (HDTV)	Without a Trace			News (N)
36	36	36	FOX	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Two/Half Men		NFL Preseason Football Oakland Raiders at Tennessee Titans.				
12	12	12	NBC	News (N)	NBC News	Hollywood	Olympic Zone	XXIX Summer Olympics (HDTV) (Live)				
55	55	55	SCOR	Drive This	Game On	Poker Pacific Poker UK Open.		WWE SmackDown!				Score Tonight
53	53	53	TSN	Off the Record	SportsCentre	CFL Pregame	CFL Football	Montreal Alouettes at Toronto Argonauts.				Score Tonight
16	16	16	A&E	Cold Case Files (HDTV)	CSI: Miami "Hell Night"	CSI: Miami		CSI: Miami				The Cleaner
70	70	70	APTN	First Talk	News	From the Spirit	renegade	Tears	Chiefs-Champ			Dangerous Liaisons *** (1988, Drama)
37	37	37	BRVO	Street Legal		Rhythm-Room	Bravo! Fact	Marion Bridge *** (2002, Drama)				Divas
49	49	49	COM	Laughs	Comedy Now	Air Force	22 Minutes	Corner Gas	Good Morning			Kathy Griffin
18	18	18	CNN	(5) The Situation Room		Lou Dobbs Tonight		CNN Election Center				Larry King Live
38	38	38	DISC	How It's Made	How It's Made	Daily Planet		Canada's Worst Handyman II				Man vs. Wild "Sahara"
34	34	34	HGTV	Holmes on Homes		House Hunters	Property Virgin	House Hunters	House Hunters			Green Homes
46	46	46	HIST	Disaster-Cent.	Masterminds	NCIS "Ice"		Cities of the Underworld				Forensic
17	17	17	MM	America's Best Dance Crew		America's Best Dance Crew		America's Best Dance Crew				Relocation
206	206	206	PIX	(6:30) Devil in a Blue Dress		(8:15) Crossover ** (1980, Drama)	James Coburn.					Cities of the Underworld
39	39	39	SHOW	Trailer Park	Billable Hours	ReGenesis "Unbearable"		Cold Squad				I Know What You Did Last Summer *
40	40	40	SLICE	Skin Deep	Opening Soon	End of Leash	Til Debt-Part	Mr. Friday (N)	The List			Black Rain *** (1989, Crime Drama)
21	21	21	TLC	What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear				Webdreams
22	22	22	W	Shopping Bags	House	Will & Grace	Friends	Mediums	Mediums			In Laws
27	27	27	YTV	The Next Star (N)		Dance, Sunset		Hit List				Say Yes-Dress

## SATURDAY

HA	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
31	31	31	ABC	News (N)	World News Sat	Law & Order: SVU		Legally Blonde 2: Red, White & Blonde (2003, Comedy)				Eli Stone
7	7	7	ASN	Corner Gas	Corner Gas	W-FIVE-Canada		Stargate SG-1				The Collector
11	11	11	CBC	XXIX Summer Olympics From Beijing	Athletics, women's marathon; swimming, finals; beach volleyball, women's quarterfinals.							
32	32	32	CBS	News (N)	CBS News	Patriots	The Insider (N)	The Unit "Bail" (HDTV)				48 Hrs. Mystery
6	6	6	CHIF	Andromeda		Largo Winch		Andromeda (Part 1 of 2)				48 Hrs. Mystery
9	9	9	CJCH	W-FIVE-Canada		Murder in the Hamptons ** (2005, Docudrama)		renegade	renegade			News (N)
36	36	36	FOX	MLB Baseball		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Cops	Cops			News (N)
12	12	12	NBC	News (N)	NBC News	Olympic Zone	XXIX Summer Olympics (HDTV) (Live)					America's Most Wanted
55	55	55	SCOR	Score Update		BodogFight		Hardcore Champ. Fight				Fox First
53	53	53	TSN	SportsCentre	XXIX Summer Olympics (HDTV) (Live)							
16	16	16	A&E	Cold Case Files		Cold Case Files		The First 48 (HDTV)				Score Update
70	70	70	APTN	MYTV (N)	Music Speaks	Rez Bluez "Blues Legends"		Guides	Fish Out of			The First 48
37	37	37	BRVO	Arts & Minds	Bravo! Videos	Live at the Rehearsal Hall		Cantata for the King				Geographic
49	49	49	COM	Laughs	Comedy Now	Just for Laughs		Corner Gas	Blue Collar TV			Scotty Moore & Friends: A Tribute to the King
18	18	18	CNN	This Week in Politics		Lou Dobbs This Week (HDTV)		Special Investigations				The Simpsons
38	38	38	DISC	How It's Made	How It's Made	Superstorm Scientists try to control the weather.		Flipping Out "Looks Like New"				South Park
34	34	34	HGTV	Holmes on Homes		Colin & Justin's Home Heist		Re-Inventors	Re-Inventors			Kathy Griffin
46	46	46	HIST	Underworld Histories		NCIS		Re-Inventors	Re-Inventors			Newsroom
17	17	17	MM	America's Best Dance Crew		I Know What You Did Last Summer * (1997, Horror)		So You Think You Can Dance				Criss Angel
206	206	206	PIX	(6:10) Cuthroat Island		(8:15) The Basketball Diaries ** (1995, Drama)		Anaconda * (1997, Suspense)				Extreme-Home
39	39	39	SHOW	The Wrong Guy ** (1998, Comedy)	Dave Foley.	The Life and Hard Times of Guy Terrifico (2005, Comedy)		Kenny-Spenny				Out of Time ** (2003, Suspense)
40	40	40	SLICE	Matchmaker	Bulging Brides	Vanity Insanity		End of Leash	Newlywed			So You Think You Can Dance
21	21	21	TLC	Moving Up (HDTV)		My First Home		Flip House	Hope-Home			Shear Genius
22	22	22	W	House	House	House		House	House			Holmes-Homes
27	27	27	YTV	Prank Patrol	Ghost	Storm Hawks		House	House			Jude Law.

## SUNDAY

HA	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
31	31	31	ABC	News (N)	ABC News	Funniest Home Videos		Extreme Makeover: Home Edition	The team rebuilds.			Housewives
7	7	7	ASN	Alice, I Think	Alice, I Think	Funniest Home Videos		To Be Announced				Mad Men
11	11	11	CBC	XXIX Summer Olympics From Beijing	Athletics, women's triathlon; beach volleyball, quarterfinals; baseball: Canada vs. Japan.							
32	32	32	CBS	Evening News	News (N)	60 Minutes		NFL Preseason Football New England Patriots at Tampa Bay Buccaneers.				
6	6	6	CHIF	renegade	American Dad	Family Guy	The Simpsons	Big Brother 10 (N)				News (N)
9	9	9	CJCH	Instant Star (N)	Samantha Who	Two/Half Men	Cold Case (HDTV)	Million Dollar Password				News (N)
36	36	36	FOX	Cold Case "Gleam"		Til Death	Til Death	The Simpsons	Family Guy			Fox First
12	12	12	NBC	News (N)	NBC News	XXIX Summer Olympics (HDTV) (Live)						
55	55	55	SCOR	MLS Soccer		The WWE Experience		BodogFight				
53	53	53	TSN	XXIX Summer Olympics (HDTV) (Live)								
16	16	16	A&E	Gene Simmons	Gene Simmons	Gene Simmons	Gene Simmons	Gene Simmons	Gene Simmons			Two Coreys
70	70	70	APTN	Medicine Wmn	Tears	Warriors: TKO	Chiefs-Champ	renegade	renegade			Bram Stoker's Dracula *** (1992, Horror)
37	37	37	BRVO	Shining Stars: Drive-In		Arts & Minds	Bravo! Fact	Sierra's Song	913			Monster's Ball *** (2001, Drama)
49	49	49	COM	Laughs	Comedy Now	Winnipeg Comedy Festival		Laughs	Rick Mercer			The Simpsons
18	18	18	CNN	Lou Dobbs This Week (HDTV)		Newsroom		Special Investigations				Li'l Bush
38	38	38	DISC	MythBusters		Rogue Nature "Elephants" (N)		Nostradamus: The Truth				Comedy Net
34	34	34	HGTV	Flipping Out		House Hunters	House Hunters	Property Virgin	Buy Me			Newsroom
46	46	46	HIST	Lost Intentions		NCIS "UnSEALed"		Engineering an Empire				MythBusters
17	17	17	MM	America's Best Dance Crew		The American Mail (2008, Musical Comedy)	Nina Dobrev.					Holmes-Homes
206	206	206	PIX	Frantic	(7:45) A View to a Kill ** (1985, Action)	Roger Moore, Grace Jones.						Elizabeth *** (1998, Historical Drama)
39	39	39	SHOW	TBA	Billable Hours	Cleaveville (2007, Suspense)	Eve Carradine.					Brinye: Spared By the Paps
40	40	40	SLICE	In Laws	Last 10	X-Weighted	Wedding SOS		Bulging Brides			Dance Crew
21	21	21	TLC	What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		My Shocking Story				Rich Bride, Poor Bride
22	22	22	W	Bee Season	Hwd 10 Best	Shopping Bags	Style by Jury	A Killing Spring (2002, Mystery)	Wendy Crewson.			Small People
27	27	27	YTV	Are We There Yet? ** (2005, Comedy)	Ice Cube, Nia Long, Jay Mohr.			Uh Oh!				Missing



According to declassified U.S. government documents released yesterday, American chef Julia Child was a spy.

## Transgender contestant on Top Model

**FASHION** One of the 14 girls who will compete on the new season of America's Next Top Model — which returns to The CW on Sept. 3 — is transgender, usmagazine.com reports.

"My cards were dealt differently," Isis, a 22-year-old former receptionist, tells Us Weekly exclusively in its new issue, on newstands now.

Hailing from Prince George's County, Md., Isis

identifies herself as "a woman born physically male."

Will she be a role model? "I like to help people, but I'm here to follow my dreams," she tells Us.

The inclusion of Isis is being hailed by GLAAD president Neil Giuliano as "an unprecedented opportunity for a community that is underrepresented on television."

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**Atlantic Film Festival**

Tickets to the opening of the 28th annual Atlantic Film Festival go on sale today at 9 a.m. Call 422-6965 or go online to [atlanticfilm.com](http://atlanticfilm.com). **METRO**

**Going Out**

Justin Nozuka

## Nozuka tops opening concert

**PERFORMANCE** Justin Nozuka will be headlining this year's Atlantic Film Festival's grand opening concert on Argyle Street, which takes place after the screening of the opening film, *Blindness*, on Thursday, Sept. 11.

METRO HALIFAX

## Trailer Park Boys lookalikes sought

**CASTING** Think your kids look like younger version's of the Trailer Park Boys?

The production company behind the soon-to-film upcoming Trailer Park Boys II movie is looking for 15-year-old versions of Ricky, Julian and Randy to appear in a photograph that will be seen in the movie.

Those who look like one of the boys are being asked to take two photos; one a close-up of their face and the other from the waist up with no shirt. This should be included in an e-mail that includes your name, height, and contact info. The subject line of the e-mail should include your name and the name of the character. The photos need to be sent to [tpbcasting@gmail.com](mailto:tpbcasting@gmail.com) by this Saturday.

METRO HALIFAX

## Harmonia Festival features concerts

**EVENT** Bob Dylan-wannabes will want to head to Memory Lane Heritage Village in Lake Charlotte this Saturday for the 5th Annual Atlantic Canada Harmonica Festival. The whole day will be dedicated to the instrument, with beginner and master classes taught by some of the best harmonica players in Atlantic Canada. Afternoon Jamboree followed by dinner and evening showcase concert of blues, old-time, Celtic and gospel music. The event runs from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Visit [heritagevillage.ca](http://heritagevillage.ca) for more information.

METRO HALIFAX

# ILL-Abilities prove anything's possible

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**It was one of the highlights of ILL-Abilities performance on Wednesday night.**

During their show, the four members of the international breakdancing crew pulled an Alberta boy on stage with them. He was in Halifax to see his grandparents — a request granted by the Children's Wish Foundation.

"He came to our show for hope, he is a child with Cystic Fibrosis," said Luca (Lazylegs) Patuelli, the founding member of ILL-Abilities.

"We took him up on stage and taught him to dance, and when he got off stage you could see a shine in his eyes and how happy he was. The crowd gave him the largest applause of the night."

Helping to show people that anything is possible is one of the messages Patuelli and the rest of the group has been sharing with the city this week during the Halifax International Busker Festival.

Each of the b-boys has taken their physical limitations, and created their own unique breakdancing style. In the b-boy culture, there are a lot of super crews where they take the best dancers from other

## busker fest

• ILL-Abilities is performing as part of the Halifax International Busker Festival, which runs through tomorrow on the waterfront.

**"It's been liberating. I have been dancing for 16 years, and breakdancing professionally for 11 years, without ever making any excuses for not being able to hear the music."**

Jacob (Kujo) Lyons, deaf breakdancer

teams — and I decided to take the best disabled dancers," said Patuelli.

The Montreal-based dancer was born with a rare muscular disorder, arthrogryposis, which affects his mobility.

The other members of the group include Chile's Sergio (Checho) Carvajal, who was born with a major malformation of his lower body, Tommy (Tommy Guns) Ly, who had his right leg amputated because of cancer, and Jacob (Kujo) Lyons, who is nearly



ILL-Abilities is (clockwise from top) Tommy (Tommy Guns) Ly, Luca (Lazylegs) Patuelli, Sergio (Checho) Carvajal, and Jacob (Kujo) Lyons.

completely deaf.

"It's been liberating," said Lyons. "I have been dancing for 16 years, and breakdancing professionally for 11 years, without ever making any excuses for not being able to hear the music."

"It was not something I

was trying to hide, but it was not something I'd wear on my sleeve. So, being in this group, forces me to come out with it, to wear it on my sleeve, to advertise it so to speak, and let people know this is who I am and this is why I dance the way I do."

## Beerfest hoping for clear skies

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Last year, the weather cooperated, and the Halifax Seaport Beerfest took place under clear and sunny skies.

Organizer Bruce Mansour isn't as worried this year, but he still hopes Mother Nature shines down on the second annual waterfront celebration.

"It makes for a much more pleasant experience," said Mansour, who has moved the festival inside the cruise ship pavilion behind the Garrison Brewing Company on Marginal Rd. "It is great place for people to relax, enjoy their samples as they overlook the water."

Taking place tomorrow the festival will feature more than 100 beers from breweries around the world — from Japan's Sapporo to New Brunswick's Picaroons. There will also be a Brewmaster Dinner at the West Nova Scotia tonight.

## final details

• The Brewmaster Dinner at the West Nova Scotia takes place tonight from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Tickets are \$100. Call 221-0111.

• Beerfest will take tomorrow with one session from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., and from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Tickets are \$35. Tickets are available at NSLC Stores throughout Halifax and at the door. Visit [seaportbeerfest.com](http://seaportbeerfest.com).



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**BIG LEAGUES** DJ Mutt on Friday. Bent on Saturday. 4 Forest Hills.

**BOOMERS LOUNGE** Ten Mile House on Sunday. 1725 Grafton St.

**BUBBLES MANSION** DJ Savory on Friday. DJ Doug Phresh on Saturday. 5287 Prince St.

**CELTIC CORNER** Jimmy Sweeney on Friday. Men With Issues on Saturday. 69 Alderney Dr.

**CHEERS** Sam Moon and Rick Gautreau matinee on Friday. Boys Next Door on Friday and Saturday. 1743 Grafton St.

**COACH'S PUB** DJ Scott on Saturday. 552 Sackville Dr.

**DAVE DOLITTLE'S** Karaoke on Friday and Saturday. 90 Tacoma Dr.

**THE DOME** DJ Doug Phresh on Friday. World dance party on Saturday. 1663 Argyle St.

**DUTCHIE'S PUB** Jeff Bonang and friends on Sunday, 4 p.m. 3671 Dutch Village Rd.

**ECONOMY SHOE SHOP** Andrew Cotter on Monday. 1661 Argyle St.

**THE FIFE AND DRUM** Pickled Beats on Friday and Saturday. 1919 Upper Water St.

**FINBAR'S** Alistair Macdonald and Richard Fortier on Friday and Saturday. Sunnyside Mall.

**GINGER'S TAVERN** Bend the River CD Release with Jon McKeil and Erin Costello on Friday. The Fancy Lebanese Country Band on Saturday. 1662 Barrington St.

**GUS' PUB** The Gideons, Mike Evin, and Mountain and the Trees on Friday. Nocturnal Divinity on Sat-



Watercolours by local painter Ron Hazell are on display at the Craig Gallery in Alderney Landing through Aug. 24.

urday. Asonia, and Searching For This on Sunday. 2605 Agricola St.

**HALIFAX ALEHOUSE** Green With Envy on Friday and Saturday. The Metric System on Monday. Kapyr on Wednesday. 1717 Brunswick St.

**HARBOURFRONT ROOM** Bittersweet on Friday through Sunday. Casino Nova Scotia.

**THE JOLLY MUG** Dance and sing on Sunday. 15 Lakeland Rd.

**LION'S HEAD TAVERN** Laurie the Guy on Friday and Saturday. 5833 Sullivan St.

**LOWER DECK** Shameless, Wreckhouse and Paul & Cory on Friday and Saturday. Signal Hill on Sunday. Historic Properties.

**MARQUEE CLUB** A Skills and DJ Cosmo on Friday. 2037 Gottingen St.

**MENZ BAR** DJ Needles and DJ Bear on Friday and Saturday. 2182 Gottingen St.

**MICHAEL'S BAR & GRILL** Laurie the Guy on Sunday,

Wednesday and Thursday. 6100 Young St.

**MONTES** Iron Halo on Friday and Saturday. Laurie the Guy on Tuesday. 245 Waverley Rd.

**MY SON'S PLACE** Open mic with Low Rider Band on Sunday. 223 Wyse Rd.

**NENARGH BAR** Bruce MacKinnon on Saturday. 30 Farnham Gate.

**NICHE** Mike Cowie's Waterbabies Jazz Quartet on Friday and Saturday. 1505 Barrington St.

**OAKMOUNT STATION** Pros vs. Joes karaoke on Saturday. 1717 Bedford Hwy.

**O'CARROLL'S** Hawco on Friday and Saturday. Reel East on Sunday through Thursday. 1860 Upper Water St.

**OLD TRIANGLE** Gig Dogs on Friday and Saturday. John Ferguson matinee on Saturday. 5136 Prince St.

**OUR FRIEND'S PUB** Kitchen parties on Monday. John Snyder on Thursday. 19 Norm

Newman Dr.

**THE PALACE NIGHTCLUB** DJ Smooth Steve on Friday. DJ Fierce on Saturday. 1721 Brunswick St.

**PARKSIDE PUB** Dance DJ on Friday. Sean Bates and Running on Empty on Saturday. 14 Highfield Park Dr.

**PEDDLER'S PUB** DJ Mathe-matrix on Friday. Granville Mall.

**POGUE FADO** The Saunders Brothers matinee on Saturday. 1581 Barrington St.

**PORTER'S LAKE PUB** Shotgun on Friday. Karaoke on Saturday. 5528 Highway 7.

**THE RED FOX** Cody Rose on Friday and Saturday. Bayers Road Village.

**THE RED STAG** Bob Lambert musical comedy on Saturday. 1496 Lower Water St.

**REFLECTIONS** Jay Hamilton on Friday. DJ HedFones on Saturday. Madonna Drag Show on Sunday. 5184 Sackville St.

**RODEO LOUNGE** Ryan

Cook matinee on Friday. Gordie Duggan Band on Friday and Saturday. 121 Ilsley Ave.

**THE SEAHORSE** Gloryhound and The Skyhawks on Saturday. 1659 Argyle St.

**THE SHORE CLUB** Da Rock on Saturday. 250 Shore Club Rd.

**THE SPLIT CROW** Clam Chowder on Friday and Saturday. The House Party Guys on Sunday. 1855 Granville St.

**STAYNER'S WHARF** The Daniel Matto Quartet on Friday. The Jelly Roll Dixieland Jazz Band on Saturday. Jeff Goodspeed and friends on Sunday. 5075 George St.

**TRIBECA** Famous Players on Friday. DJ Double A on Saturday. Chris Martin, and The Troubleshooters on Sunday. 1588 Granville St.

**WHISKEY'S LOUNGE** Open Mic with Louisa and Friends on Saturday. 27-29 Portland St.



ABOVE: The Art Gallery of Nova Scotia is displaying part of its extensive folk art exhibit through August.



The Aerial Angels are among the acts you can see at the Halifax International Busker Festival, which runs through Saturday on the Halifax Waterfront.

**WINSTON'S** DJ on Friday. Karaoke on Wednesday. Dave Goytette and Acoustic Soul on Thursday. 278 Lacewood Dr.

## galleries

**ANNA LEONOWENS** Breaking the Grid: Mark-Making and Colour at the Loom, and Using History as Inspiration. Through Sept. 7. 5163 Duke St.

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ABOVE: Eyelevel Gallery on Göttingen Street is hosting a one day waffle extravaganza to raise money for the Go North festival. Gluten free, vegan, and regular Belgian waffles topped with fresh fruit, maple syrup, and real butter will be served on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

ABOVE RIGHT: Halifax-raised musician Wordburglar, a.k.a. Sean Jordan, released the video for his song The Route at The Marquee Club on Saturday night at 10 p.m.

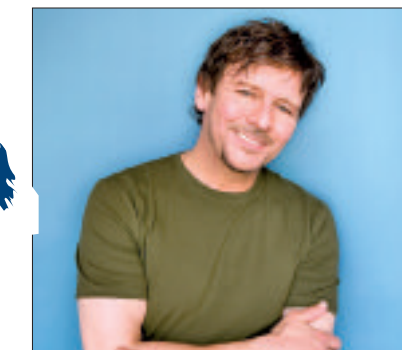
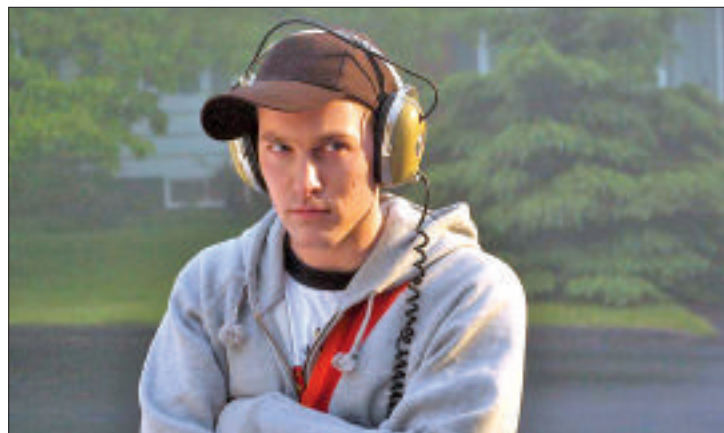
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**ART-PORT GALLERY** Works by 12 local artists. Robert Stanfield International Airport.

**CORRIDOR GALLERY** Po-lar: VANS members' exhibition. Through Aug. 29. 1113 Marginal Rd.

**CRAIG GALLERY** Works by Ron Hazall. Through Aug.

24. Alderney Landing.  
**DALHOUSIE ART GALLERY** Exalted Beings: Animal Relationships. Aug. 22 through Oct. 5. 6101 University Ave.  
**EYELEVEL GALLERY** Works by gallery members. 2063 Göttingen St.  
**FRED GALLERY** From New York to Nova Scotia, paintings by Lynda Diamond. Through Aug. 17. Works

by Kevin Lewis and Melissa Marr. Opens Aug. 18 through Sept. 13. 2606 Agricola St.  
**GALLERY PAGE AND STRANGE** Works by various artist. Through summer. Granville Square.  
**HARBOURSIDE GALLERY** Una Casetta in Canada. Through Aug. 26. Asahi: Leveling the Playing Field. Through Sept. 2. Pier 21, 1055 Marginal Rd.  
**HYDROSTONE GALLERY** Heather Snider: Recent Paintings. Through Aug. 21. 5519 Young St.

**MARY E. BLACK GALLERY** The Art of Collection. Through Sept. 4. 1061 Marginal Road.  
**MOUNT ST. VINCENT ART GALLERY** Anthem: Perspectives on Home and Native Land. Opens Aug. 25 through Oct. 5. 166 Bedford Hwy.

**QUEEN STREET STUDIOS** Work by Jeffery Baine. Through Aug. 26. 50 Queen St.

**SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY ART GALLERY** Euan MacDonald: Two Places at Once, curated by Ann MacDonald and Barbara Fischer. Opens Sept. 6 through Oct. 12. 5865 Gorsebrook

Ave.  
**SECOND GALLERY** Recent works by gallery artists. Through summer. 6301 Quinpool Rd.  
**SEEDS GALLERY** Works by various artists from NSCAD University. 1892 Hollis St.

**STUDIO 21** New Contemporary works by various artists. Through summer. 1223 Lower Water St.

**UTILITY GALLERY** Krista Comeau: I Went Out To The Hazel Wood. Through Aug. 16. 5224 Blowers St.

**VIETH STREET GALLERY** New works by Tristan Cooke. Opens Aug. 19 through Sept. 6. 3115 Veith St.

**VIEWPOINT GALLERY** Temples of Sand, works by Joseph Szostak. Through August. 1272 Barrington St.

## museums

**DISCOVERY CENTRE** 100 Years: A Countdown to Life. Through September. 1593 Barrington St.

**MARITIME MUSEUM OF THE ATLANTIC** Halifax vs. Louisburg: The Final Siege.

Sept. 28. 1747 Summer St.  
**PIER 21** Various exhibits. 1055 Marginal Rd.

## theatre

**GRAFTON STREET DINNER THEATRE** Mairi's Best Friend's Wedding. Through Oct. 5. Call 425-1961 for reservations.

**HALIFAX FEAST DINNER THEATRE** Cape Breton Idle III. Through November. 1505 Barrington St. Call 420-1840.

**OPEN CONCEPT CO-OP** Unidentified Human Remains and the True Nature of Love. Through Sunday. The Bus Stop Theatre. \$10, available at Venus Envy.

**SHAKESPEARE BY THE SEA** A Midsummer Night's Dream, Othello and Cinderella. Through August. \$15 suggested. Point Pleasant Park. Visit [www.shakespearebythesea.ca](http://www.shakespearebythesea.ca) or call 422-0295.

## events

**BELLA ROSE ARTS CENTRE** Drum! Sept. 12-Oct. 12. Visit [www.bellarosearts-](http://www.bellarosearts-)

centre.com.  
**BISHOP'S LANDING** Doris Mason performs Sunday. Bishop's Landing, waterfront side. 2 p.m. Free.

**CASINO NOVA SCOTIA** David Cassidy on Aug. 22 and 23. [www.ticketatlantic.com](http://www.ticketatlantic.com).

**DARTMOUTH UNITED PENETECOSTAL CHURCH** African Children's Choir on Sunday, 10:30 a.m. 293 Main St.

**GRAND PARADE** Tunes at Noon every Wednesday through Friday. Through Sept. 5.

**HALIFAX METRO CENTRE** Simple Plan on Aug. 21. [www.ticketatlantic.com](http://www.ticketatlantic.com).

**PIER 21** Battle of the Atlantic musical performance on Friday, 6:30 p.m. 1055 Marginal Rd.

**PUBLIC GARDENS** Summer concert series each Sunday, 1 p.m. Through Sept. 14. South Park St. and Spring Garden Rd.

**SAINT ANDREW'S** Cor Meibion De Cymru, The largest male voice choir in Wales performs on Friday. 7:30 p.m. 6036 Coburg Rd.  
**YUK YUK'S** Brett Martin on Friday and Saturday. For information and tickets, call 429-9857. Westin Nova Scotia.



The alFresco filmFesto continues this Friday night with the '80s classic *The Goonies*. The movie will be screened outdoor on the side of the Electropolis on Queen's Quay at 9 p.m. or dusk.



Model/actress Kelly Brook has reportedly dumped actor Billy Zane. The pair ended their four-year relationship in April but reunited a month later in May. **IMDB.COM**

## Olsen to curb spending habits

**PEOPLE** Actress Mary-Kate Olsen, (who, according to Forbes, splits an estimated \$40 million US annual income with her sister Ashley) is "burning through her money," MSNBC reports Us Weekly as saying. The magazine says Mary-Kate has been advised to cut down on "travel, jewelry, clothes and especially security."

That said, the magazine also includes the counter-opinion of an insider who claims things are fine. "She has been focusing so much on her career and business," the source says. "There hasn't been time to spend a lot of money."

## Presley expecting boy, girl: Report

**PEOPLE** Lisa Marie Presley's twins will be a boy and a girl, the New York Daily News reports.

The singer, 40, will reportedly name her son Jesse after her father Elvis' identical twin, who was stillborn. She'll name the girl Gladys Love, after his mother, a source said.

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## Eva attempts to get out of kissing scenes

**Actress Eva Longoria Parker attempts to convince directors her characters should hug instead of kiss, because she hates smooching with anyone who isn't her husband, imdb.com reports.**

The Desperate Housewives actress has just celebrated her first wedding anniversary with basketball star Tony Parker and she can't get used to the idea she has to lock lips with strange men on the big and small screen.

"I always try to talk my way out of kissing scenes: 'Do they really need to kiss in this

part? Can't they just hug?' The directors are like, 'No!' " she tells Latina magazine.

Longoria Parker isn't the only member of the Desperate Housewives cast who shudders at the thought of a kissing scene — her onscreen husband would prefer not to have to kiss her.

"Ricardo (Chavira) hates kissing me. We are both not really fond of the kissing scenes," she adds.

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## Michelle's bodyguard checks for paparazzi

**PEOPLE** Actress Michelle Williams has taken precautions to avoid paparazzi in her Brooklyn neighbourhood since the death of her ex-fiancé, Heath Ledger, the father of her daughter Matilda, 2, Page Six.com reports.

She's reportedly even more careful now that she's dating director Spike Jonze.



"Before Michelle leaves the house with Matilda, she has a bodyguard go around her block and make sure there are no photographers," a source said.

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## Nicole helping moms online

**PEOPLE** Nicole Richie is giving to the fund, asking friends to make donations instead of giving gifts to their baby daughter Harlow.

"She's hired some pretty high-powered consultants to advise her and put it all together," a source said.

The reality TV star and the Good Charlotte singer have already been



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## Aniston not dating model

**PEOPLE** Actress Jennifer Aniston is not dating a male model, imdb.com reports media as saying.

The former Friends star was rumoured to be romantically involved with Matt Felker after reportedly splitting from rocker John Mayer.

But reports suggest that the 39-year-old has never even met Felker.

A source tells celebrity blogger Perez Hilton, "Jennifer's friends think Matt planted this false story to get press for himself. He's apparently done this kind of thing before."

Felker, who is most famous for appearing in the video for

Britney Spears' hit single Toxic, was linked to actress Selma Blair last year.

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**Regis to meet Your Mother**

Talk-show host Regis Philbin will guest-star on *How I Met Your Mother* Sept. 29. Philbin will play himself. **TVGUIDE.COM**

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## Woman to be tried for stalking

**IN COURT** A 33-year-old woman arrested on charges of stalking actor John Cusack is mentally competent to stand trial, a judge ruled Wednesday.

Emily Diane Leatherman was taken into custody in March near the High Fidelity star's residence in Malibu, Calif., and later charged with stalking. But the case was put on hold while she was evaluated by a court-appointed psychiatrist.

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Susan Speer found Leatherman mentally competent after reviewing the psychiatrist's reports and ordered her to stand trial on Sept. 9.

Leatherman also was charged with misdemeanor counts of petty theft and disobeying a restraining order, which Cusack obtained against her last year.

Leatherman has been held in custody since her arrest and faces a maximum penalty of three years in state prison if she is convicted. **REUTERS**

## Dallas stars reunite for 30th

**TELEVISION** The stars of *Dallas* are reuniting to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the iconic show.

Cast members of the popular prime-time soap opera that ran from 1978-1991 will return to the Southfork Ranch near Dallas on 8 November to commemorate the date.

Larry Hagman, Linda Gray and Patrick Duffy have all confirmed they will attend the event.

Hagman, who played character J.R. Ewing, is also looking forward to the party. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

### Metro's 7<sup>th</sup> Heaven: Metro taps what's hot now

# 1

#### Dexter: The Complete First Season

This four-disc DVD set of Season 2 of *Dexter*, the dark TV series about a serial killer you can't help but side with, comes out on Tuesday. Michael C. Hall stars as Dexter Morgan, the forensics expert who leads a double life.

# 2

#### Mamma Mia! Movie soundtrack

The music of supergroup ABBA comes into the spotlight again, this time as the soundtrack to *Mamma Mia*, the movie based on the musical. Take a chance on actors Meryl Streep and Pierce Brosnan singing SOS.

# 3

#### Three Cups of Tea, by Greg Mortenson

Eleven people died recently on K2, the world's second-highest mountain, in Pakistan. Greg Mortenson also tried to climb K2, and lived to write about it. *Three Cups of Tea* recounts his experience on K2, and subsequent work that led to the creation of the Central Asia Institute, which has built schools across rural Pakistan and Afghanistan.



# 4

#### Who's Gonna Save My Soul, by Gnarl Barkley

Girl-breaks-up-with-boy in the video for Gnarl Barkley's



*Who's Gonna Save My Soul*. Anyone who's suffered heartache will relate to this clip, which features a heart on a plate that steals the show. The song itself, while more mellow than the group's previous hit, *Crazy*, is just as addictive.

# 5

#### Agness Deyn

Fashion's current "It Girl," 25-year-old model Agness Deyn, has been on the industry's radar for barely two years. It's her tomboyish and '80s-inspired style off the runways that has made her memorable.



# 6

#### Olympic Cocktail

Raise a glass to our Canadian athletes participating in the Games in Beijing, China, with the Olympic Cocktail, courtesy of barmandrinks.com: ¼ oz. of orange juice; ¼ oz. of Triple Sec; and ¼ oz. of brandy. Shake all ingredients with ice. Strain into a cocktail glass and ready, set, serve. Please remember to drink responsibly!

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Actor Gael Garcia Bernal has confirmed he is to become a first-time father. Bernal has announced that his girlfriend, actress Dolores Fonzi, is pregnant. The baby is due early next year. **IMDB.COM**

## Celebrity Buzz

# Pam's new boyfriend may be royal

**RELATIONSHIPS** Pamela Anderson is reportedly dating a member of the Abu Dhabi royal family, female-first.co.uk reports.

The actress has only revealed her new beau's name to a few select friends, but refers to him in conversation by the pet name she made up for him — Milk-Sheik or Milk for short.

Anderson first met the royal when she visited Abu Dhabi in June with the Make a Wish Foundation. Shortly after her

trip, she announced she is joining forces with the royal family to build an eco-friendly hotel in the city.

Since then, Anderson's new love has reportedly visited her in Los Angeles. "He is very handsome and Pammie looked very happy," a source said.

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## Mom defends Sienna

**RELATIONSHIPS** Sienna Miller's mother has defended the actress over her much criticized relationship with actor Balthazar Getty, imdb.com reports.

Miller and Getty, who last month announced his separation from wife Rosetta, have enjoyed a whirlwind romance which has attracted criticism from the media.

Miller's mother, Jo, is upset at the reaction.

"It's awful, I can't tell you. You wonder when it's all

going to stop," she says.

But Jo is pleased how some pals have jumped to her daughter's defence.

"Thank goodness some people are seeing the hypocrisy of it all," she says. "I know it makes Sienna pleased to read these things. It means a lot to her when there's so much negativity and criticism around."

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## celebrity brief

### Madonna not adopting again

**RUMOUR** A report that Madonna is adopting a three-year-old girl, Mercy James, from Malawi is not true, her rep tells Usmagazine.com.

"Madonna has not made an attempt to adopt this baby earlier this year or now," Liz Rosenberg said. "There is no truth to this rumour... Madonna is starting her tour in a week."

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## "This makes no sense at all..."

by Joe O'Neill

Good on **Lindsay Lohan** for hitting back at those who speculate that her sister **Ali** has had breast implants.

She's proven that she's sober enough to navigate a computer and make an entry on her celebrity blog, and she only used 1,506 exclamation points this time.

Of course, defending her mother's parental instincts is a bit of a stretch. To avoid having to go into too many details, I've compiled a list of inanimate objects that have demonstrably superior parenting skills to those of **Dina Lohan**: a shephard's pie, fiberglass insulation, a beach umbrella, a tin ingot, and an electric fence.

Perhaps Lindsay is telling a kind of truth. Maybe her mother's lesson of "appreciating what we have been given" is a way to rationalize the creation of **Living Lohan**, a reality TV show whose sole purpose is to engender and promote the showbiz career Ali, and of course to draw the ire of **Anderson Cooper**. If fate gives you a car crash for a sister, make the most of it, especially if Mom says it's the right thing to do.

I could be wrong, but I bet Dina Lohan would let her daughter get piñata candy implants if she thought it would make her famous.

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### Angelina's not replacing Tom

**RUMOUR** Angelina Jolie is not a "replacement" for Tom Cruise in the upcoming spy thriller **Edwin A. Salt**, MSNBC reports.

According to a source close to the film, the studio did want Cruise in the lead role, but the actor passed.

"This story about Jolie taking over is completely false ... this started with an inaccurate report months ago that said (Cruise) was taking the role," says the source. "They courted him for almost a year for this movie. He considered it but passed."

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## Implant talk irks Lindsay

**RUMOUR** Lindsay Lohan may be used to tabloid gossip about her own life. But she's fighting mad over recent rumours swirling around her 14-year-old sister Ali, People.com reports.

The 22-year-old actress took to her blog yesterday to slam online speculation that Ali may have undergone breast augmentation. In fact, Lindsay said she was confronted by a photographer who

yelled, "What do you have to say about people commenting on your sister's implants?"

"It made me feel a bit sick to my stomach," Lindsay wrote on her MySpace Celebrity Blog. "... My mother taught us to appreciate what we have been given," she wrote. "Nor would she ever encourage, or allow a 14-year-old child to alter her body."

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## celebrity brief

### Ashley, boyfriend make a scene

**RELATIONSHIPS** Ashley Olsen and her boyfriend, actor Justin Bartha, hardly came up for air during a recent dinner in New York City, where they were holding hands and making out all through the meal,

PageSix.com reports.

"She was all over him," said a witness. "Ashley was very nice to everyone, but seemed more occupied with her boyfriend than anything else."

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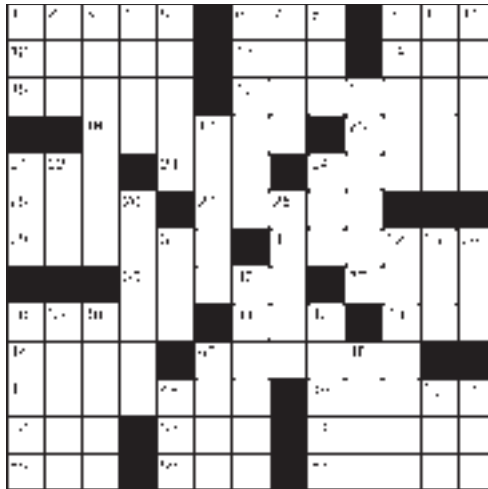
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**Burton and Carter sell NY apartment**

Filmmaker Tim Burton and actress Helena Bonham Carter have reportedly sold their two New York apartments for \$8.75 million US. The couple is reportedly on the move from their former home in the city's Greenwich Village area, imdb.com reports. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

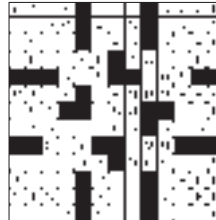
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- 24 Sitcom surname
- 25 Busy one
- 27 Spandex material
- 29 Tranquilize
- 31 Knob
- 35 Its participants must form a line
- 37 Confederate soldiers
- 38 Harold of "Ghostbusters"
- 41 Upper limb
- 43 Lamb's mama
- 44 Sheltered
- 45 Overuses the mirror
- 47 Holy
- 49 Shocking weapon
- 52 Wager
- 53 "The Raven" writer
- 54 Each
- 55 Office holders
- 56 — Arbor, Mich.
- 57 Marsh plant

**previous day's answer****Horoscopes****AVATAR VENUS****ARIES**

**MARCH 21-APRIL 20**

A new job is more trouble than it's worth. A man will turn the other cheek. Pushing your ideas will lead to a spat.

**TAURUS**

**APRIL 21-MAY 21**

Guilt over hurtful behaviour won't go away. A friend has a complaint and needs your help. A dispute continues with no end in sight.

**GEMINI**

**MAY 22-JUNE 21**

A dire predicament will ease up. Have fun until someone tells you to stop. A friend makes a forceful statement about an imposition.

**CANCER**

**JUNE 22-JULY 22**

There's no time to handle every ironic twist of fate. Career matters remain up in the air. An unhappy event results in punitive action.

**LEO**

**JULY 23-AUG 23**

Optimism has a reason to grow. Try something unconventional. Maintain a strong sense of perspective.

**VIRGO**

**AUG 24-SEPT 22**

A co-worker promises much and delivers little. Appreciate the higher values in new connections. A problem can get out of hand.

**LIBRA**

**SEPT 23-OCT 23**

A temperamental tyrant needs to be rescued. Arrange immediate crisis intervention. Concentrate on using lucid advice.

**SCORPIO**

**OCT 24-NOV 22**

A father figure's health becomes a concern. A fastidious person takes responsibility for a project. You might get a treat.

**SAGITTARIUS**

**NOV 23-DEC 21**

Be gentle when someone falls flat on his face. Share your secrets about courage. Ask the right questions tonight.

**CAPRICORN**

**DEC 22-JAN 20**

A forbidden romance gives pure inspiration. A new rule triggers defense mechanisms. A visitor oozes charisma.

**AQUARIUS**

**JAN 21-FEB 18**

Shun those who challenge your motives. Discover fresh meaning in love. A crisis jostles your memory in the nick of time.

**PISCES**

**FEB 19-MAR 20**

A love affair intensifies when there's a sudden insight. A date mustn't be missed — it's too important. Hard work helps to conquer habits.

**Sudoku**

9	1		5	2	7			
								9
	6	8	3			1		
6				3				5
		2				3		
7				8				6
		5			9	4	7	
8								
			1	7	2		5	3

**HOW TO PLAY SUDOKU:**

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

**SUDOKU SOLVE TIME IN MINUTES:****previous day's answer**

8	2	9	6	1	4	3	5	7
4	5	7	8	9	3	1	2	6
3	6	1	2	7	5	4	9	8
1	3	8	7	5	2	6	4	9
6	9	5	3	4	8	7	1	2
2	7	4	1	6	9	8	3	5
7	4	2	5	3	6	9	8	1
5	1	3	9	8	7	2	6	4
9	8	6	4	2	1	5	7	3

Under 13..... Genius  
13-17..... Scholar

17-21..... Smart  
21-25..... Not bad  
25+..... Keep practising  
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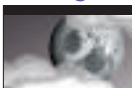
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**WORDY GURDY**

Wordy Gurdy is a word puzzle game where you have to find words in a grid of letters. The words can be horizontal, vertical, or diagonal. The grid is 10x10 and contains a mix of letters and empty spaces. The words are hidden in the grid and you have to find them. The game is called Wordy Gurdy because it's a word puzzle and it's a gurdy (a type of bagpipe).

**Halifax weather****Afternoon**

Variable.  
24°

**Tonight**

Partly cloudy.  
16°

**Saturday**

Showers.  
21° / 15°

**Sunday**

Partly cloudy.  
21° / 12°

**Monday**

Mainly sunny.  
21° / 14°

**Temperature Normals**  
High: 22.8°  
Low: 14.2°

**Records**  
High: 30.4°/2002  
Low: 9.4°/1972

Sunrise: 6:16 a.m.  
Sunset: 8:18 p.m.  
Moonset: 4:38 a.m.  
Moonrise: 7:50 p.m.

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Limited model shows



**-\$4,000** Cash Purchase Adjustment

### Cash Purchase Price

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